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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to appeal to MPCA's most basic responsibility, which is to act on behalf of Minnesota—its citizens, future generations and the precious environment upon which we all depend--rather than on behalf of industry.

MPCA has no discretion to continue to delay or deny enforcement of Minnesota's wild rice sulfate standard (10 ppm), which exists under the Clean Water Act and decisions of the Minnesota courts. MPCA must not allow polluters to degrade high-quality, low-sulfate wild rice waters nor should it enable industry to threaten Minnesotans' health through increased mercury exposure.

Valid science, rather than the debunked MPCA equation, must be utilized. Tribal consultation and tribal consent, as well as a formal and public rulemaking process, must be implemented.