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The MPCA is tasked with protecting Minnesota waters from pollution, as mandated by the Clean Water Act as well as Minnesota's own laws. There is currently no independent scientific study that suggest increasing sulfate levels from anthropogenic discharges, regardless of other factors such as iron content in sediment, would protect or sustain wild rice populations, but there is substantial research that shows the opposite is true. MPCA must heed tribal concerns about the effects of increased sulfate levels even in waters that are currently below the 10mg/L concentration and enforce the standards that are currently in place.

Thank you for your consideration.