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I want to see a Pollution Control Agency with backbone that upholds its responsibility to protect our state's water quality, wild rice resource and public health with fish that are safe to eat. Please stand up against the political and corporate pressure to weaken our water quality standards that protect our wild rice waters and prevent the accumulation of methyl mercury in our fish. Your priority should be to protect wild rice waters and human health first, not to kowtow to industry and wastewater treatment plants. They deserve consideration and assistance to meet the standards, but not the right to weaken the standards in their favor. Keep the 10 mg/l sulfate standard and find a way to make it work. Take the polluters to court and let the judicial system sort it out if you have to.