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Please do not allow companies an exemption to the rules designed to protect wild rice! Exemptions like this could set a dangerous precedent for pollution. If requests like this are granted companies can avoid installing pollution control methods to restrict the sulfate that seeps from the mines and their tailing sites. We need to protect our waters from pollution so wild rice can thrive, sulfate pollution is toxic to wild rice. There is science behind these standards. Do not allow companies to create shortcuts to encourage pollution. Please protect manoomin for the next generations!