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MPCA must move quickly to set sulfate load limits for wild rice waters polluted by mining to restore compliance and establish, update, and enforce sulfate limits in every mining permit to achieve compliance. These steps—none of which MPCA has adopted—would restore approximately half of Minnesota's wild rice waters impaired due to sulfate. It is important to include Dark Lake, a wild rice lake polluted by sulfate from the U.S. Steel Corp. Minntac tailings basin, in MPCA's list of wild rice impaired waters. Dark Lake's sulfate is more than 10 times higher than the standard.