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To whom it may concern:

I would like to thank the MPCA for the work of identifying 2,395 wild rice producing waters and the 2024 addition of 20 wild rice producing waters impaired due to sulfates exceeding Minnesota's standard.

Please further this good work by doing the following:

- 1) Add Dark Lake to Minnesota's 2024 Draft Impaired Waters List.
- 2) Restore—not just list—wild rice waters impaired due to sulfate.
- 3) Move quickly to determine sulfate load reductions and regulate mining pollution to restore wild rice waters.
- 4) And admit that sulfate exacerbates mercury contamination.

Minnesota's environment and economy go hand in hand. We must work to sustain a healthy environment and ecosystems which in turn supports a healthy economy and population.