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Hello, I am a youth in the Prairie Island Indian Community, a reservation in Welch, MN. The Mississippi River is sacred to my people and me as it is where we fish, play, canoe, and go ricing, which is why I was concerned when I read that this permit would allow for its contamination. Although there is an effort to decrease the pollution of SIX PFA compounds, harm could pursue this permit if passed unless the effort gets rid of all pollution.

According to several sources, such as Wikipedia and the World Health Organization, the PFAs that this permit could potentially place into wildlife and people could, among many other things, increase cancer chances, reduce the immunity system's functionality, slow children's development, and cause reproductivity-related issues.

In total, I think the trade-off for this wastewater permit would do more harm than good, and I disapprove of the PFAs being placed into an 'unnamed creek' and, by extension, into the Mississippi River. Thank you for reading.