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What do you want us to know about your neighborhood?

The APEX service area of Northeast Minnesota is a broad mix of rural & urban, industrial & residential, forest & wetlands, and everything in between. Throughout this region, businesses, elected officials, and residents have an unshakeable love of the outdoors and a desire to see their communities flourish and grow.

We are eager to find ways to invigorate our economy with a variety of companies who can help usher in the green economy transition and support the state's Climate Action Framework. This will require new manufacturers across our region.

Do you experience specific types of pollution, environmental stressors, or health stressors in your neighborhood?

As a region with mining, forestry, manufacturing and a large inland seaport, the potential for pollution is clearly there. However, responses to date have proven sufficient and we haven't had challenges in our day-to-day exposure.

What other things should we consider in a community benefit agreement?

Encouraging all parties to collaborate and find common cause to improve their communities economically and environmentally is important. There are concerns that benefits could be ultimately diluted through lengthy, costly negotiation processes.

What do you think is missing?

With the rulemaking process ongoing, there are a lot of questions around negotiations, pollution levels, employer costs, and economic impacts that need to be addressed.