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I ask that the MPCA protect wild rice and Minnesota's water from sulfate pollution by upholding the sulfate standard and rejecting variances for mining companies who have raked in massive profits by creating pollution. US Steel can afford to clean up the mess they have made and in doing so they will have jobs for this community now and on into the future. Setting this precedent now ensures businesses that operate in Minnesota do so responsibly. This standard setting is critical for ALL US based mining operations. If a little toxic waste is OK in Minnesota, there will be hundreds of exceptions filed all over the country. Wild rice and clean water are central to treaty rights, the health of our ecosystems, and the culture of all Minnesotans and all Americans.