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The variance ought to be granted. The limits set by the legislation are inherently flawed scientifically, and the prohibitive nature of the requirement means that the variance ought to be granted. All variances requested by the mines ought to be granted. While municipalities get blanket variance requests approved when they are the main contributors of sulfates into the water streams it is an undue burden on our private industries to hold them to a different standard. That is not equal protection under the law, but targeted enforcement against private enterprise. The mines have safely operated for decades to centuries and wild rice was not negatively affected. While yields fluctuates per year, the crop is entirely wild, hence the name. It cannot be considered to be like other industrial crops.