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The sulfate standard established by Dr. Moyle's research nearly a century ago and has never been enforced, is a standard that is long overdue for a modern, scientific review. Requiring our industries and likely our community wastewater treatment facilities to meet the 10 mg/l standard is cost prohibitive and will have serious economic impacts across the state but primarily in northeastern Minnesota.

If 250 mg/l is safe for potable water than 10 mg/l for wastewater is unreasonable and it is well past time for new research, science and economical treatment options to be explored to determine a new reasonable standard that is attainable and viable without killing our steel industry, small, rural communities and any chance at economic prosperity for the Iron Range.