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It is critical to approve the proposed site specific standards for the US Steel mine. The site specific standards provide water quality far exceeding the standard for drinking water and there isn't evidence that these standards would negatively impact wild rice. Refusing to grant this permit also creates significant challenges for other industries around the state of Minnesota as precedent gets set. Further, this could negatively impact 1400 jobs if it is not approved. In addition, it would negatively impact communities around the state of Minnesota through reductions to the school trust fund and negatively impact communities served by the IRRRB as they receive fewer funds.