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To the MPCA,

As a member of the Gilbert community and a union member, I am concerned about the implications of the draft permits for Keetac. Requiring sulfate compliance at each outfall is inefficient and scientifically unsound. This could impact so many small towns and communities in Minnesota - we need to consider the science and all standards that will impact everyone. A single downstream compliance point would better reflect actual environmental impact.

The MPCA's dismissal of two SSS applications—despite following agency guidance—raises concerns about regulatory fairness. Hay Lake has supported wild rice for nearly 60 years, indicating the current standard is not reflective of site conditions.

I urge the MPCA to:

Refrain from including sulfate limits in the permits, or revise them to include a single compliance point and a reasonable timeline.

Update the sulfate standard in accordance with the 2011 law and modern science.

Sincerely,
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