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For many years I worked in the industrial construction business and was always excited when a new or addition to an existing project was announced. It seemed like clockwork that the proponents of the project would always say that we should build it and can build it safely as Minnesota has the strictest environmental laws. But what is the value of those laws when the companies who are building the project never follow them? And it seemed the state would always capitulate under pressure from local politicians. Phrases such as "if we have to follow those rules it may mean a loss of jobs", "this will hurt company profits" or something to that affect where always shouted from the rooftops. But while the officers of the company would never ever take a reduction in pay to help cover the costs of complying with environmental laws. Therefore I would like to be recorded as saying that it is time to comply with all environmental laws and for the state to deny any variance for the permits.