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As a member of the local business community, I am concerned about the implications of the draft permits for Keetac. Requiring sulfate compliance at each outfall is inefficient and scientifically unsound. 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. Having worked my entire career in parks and rec, and seeing mining occur in other states, I know Minnesota is the best of the best.

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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