

Conservation Minnesota (Tracy Whitney)

Comments submitted on behalf of Conservation Minnesota and 472 of our members.

September 4, 2025



**CONSERVATION
MINNESOTA**

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road N
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Pollution Control Agency,

Sulfate pollution threatens Minnesota's waters and the health of our communities. It critically impacts the important places where wild rice grows and is harvested. US Steel Corp, which operates the Keetac taconite mine and processing plant near Keewatin, has been exceeding its sulfate discharge limit for years. We appreciate your preliminary denial of US Steel's variance request for both the mine permit and the tailings basin permit.

At Conservation Minnesota, we work to protect the people and places Minnesotans love from pollution. **We have collected 472 signatures from our members across the state who also agree with this denial.** As you consider your final decision on this matter, these members would like to ask you to protect wild rice and clean water for all Minnesotans.

Members have signed on with this statement:

"I support strong protections for wild rice waters and the health of Minnesotans. Rigorous water quality standards should be enforced at both Keetac locations."

Thank you for your consideration,

Nels Paulsen
Policy Director
Conservation Minnesota

Petition Signers

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| 1 Marbeth Austin, Shoreview | 27 Sharon Bassett, Apple Valley |
| 2 Harmon Abrahamson, Minneapolis | 28 Rachel Battles, Minneapolis |
| 3 Daniel Abramson, Esko | 29 Julie Baumeister, Minneapolis |
| 4 Brian Adams, White Bear Lake | 30 Wendy Bennett, Minneapolis |
| 5 Robert Ahles, Saint Cloud | 31 Jan Bensen, Saint Cloud |
| 6 Barbara Ahlstrom, Minneapolis | 32 Brad Berland, Spring Park |
| 7 Joy Amel, Columbia Heights | 33 Linda Berntson, Minneapolis |
| 8 Charles Anderson, Nisswa | 34 KaZoua Berry, Marine On Saint Croix |
| 9 Dale Anderson, Minneapolis | 35 Craig Beveroth, Eden Prairie |
| 10 Eileen Anderson, Minnetonka | 36 Helen Bieringer, Savage |
| 11 Joyce Anderson, Savage | 37 David Billings, Oak Grove |
| 12 Judith Anderson, Hermantown | 38 Linda Bisdorf, Apple Valley |
| 13 Matthew Anderson, Savage | 39 Roger Bjork, White Bear Lake |
| 14 Scott Anderson, Scandia | 40 Michelle Blaeser, Saint Paul |
| 15 Pat Arnold, Minneapolis | 41 Lori Blauwet, Rochester |
| 16 Linda Ashland, Minneapolis | 42 Jule Block, Chaska |
| 17 Nora Atwood, Wayzata | 43 Katie Bloome, South Saint Paul |
| 18 Jessica Ayers-Bean, Minneapolis | 44 Terry. Blum, Woodbury |
| 19 Steven Breton, Plymouth | 45 Grace Bocek, Minneapolis |
| 20 Ryan Baka, Minneapolis | 46 Loretta Boegeman, Prior Lake |
| 21 Dawn Baker, Minneapolis | 47 Lawrence Bogolub, Ely |
| 22 Mary Bang, Woodbury | 48 Karen Bohnert, Stillwater |
| 23 David Barrett, Minneapolis | 49 Penn Bowen, Mound |
| 24 Sara Barsel, Roseville | 50 Elizabeth Brack, Chanhassen |
| 25 Darnell Barsness, Hastings | 51 Sara Bright, Tower |
| 26 Harvey Bartz, Stillwater | |

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| 52 Clifton Brittain, Saint Paul | 77 Anne Clark, Minneapolis |
| 53 Chuck Britz, Waterville | 78 Heather Clark, Minneapolis |
| 54 Ashley Broeker, Two Harbors | 79 Robert Colonnese, Minneapolis |
| 55 Darlene Broughton, Dundas | 80 Alex Comb, Knife River |
| 56 Daniel Brown, Minneapolis | 81 Ann Combs, Minneapolis |
| 57 Roland Brown, Hibbing | 82 Nancy Conger, North Branch |
| 58 Linda Bryan, Saint Paul | 83 Laurence Connery, Houston |
| 59 Lynn Buckley, Annandale | 84 Patricia Cooper, Minneapolis |
| 60 Sean Bulenrose, Circle Pines | 85 Margaret Corens, Wayzata |
| 61 Brenda Burkhartzmeyer, Apple Valley | 86 Janine Corey, Dakota |
| 62 Linda Burns, Minneapolis | 87 Gretchen Corkrean, Woodbury |
| 63 Jill Charboneau, South Haven | 88 Kathryn Cox, Jordan |
| 64 Tim Callister, Eagan | 89 Jean Craig, Saint Paul |
| 65 Patricia Canby, Minneapolis | 90 Alva Crom, Saint Paul |
| 66 Kara Carlson, Hopkins | 91 Brian Croone, Stillwater |
| 67 Sarah Carson, Park Rapids | 92 Dennis Cuchna, Alexandria |
| 68 John Case, Wayzata | 93 Karina Curbelo, Minneapolis |
| 69 Peg Challgren, Apple Valley | 94 John Curry, Minneapolis |
| 70 JL Charrier, Wayzata | 95 Kelly Dahl, Cook |
| 71 Jacqueline Christenson, White Bear Lake | 96 Mary Dailey, Saint Paul |
| 72 Patrick Christie, Ely | 97 Rebecca Dale, Saint Paul |
| 73 Robert Christie, Saint Charles | 98 Jon Damon, Minneapolis |
| 74 Steve Christopher, Saint Paul | 99 Stan Danielson, Bloomington |
| 75 Lisa Cicha, Isanti | 100 Laurie David, Woodbury |
| 76 James Clapp, Detroit Lakes | 101 Ann Davis, Minneapolis |

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| 102 | Gina DeBreto, Britt | 128 | Don Evans, Laporte |
| 103 | Michael DeRubeis, Minneapolis | 129 | Chris Fastner, Aitkin |
| 104 | Gary Deason, Long Lake | 130 | Mary Faulkner, Minneapolis |
| 105 | NJ Deeever, Hermantown | 131 | Patricia Felstead, Rochester |
| 106 | Jerry Delgehausen, Saint Paul | 132 | Richard Femling, Roseville |
| 107 | Susan Dewey, Fergus Falls | 133 | Mary Fernstrum, Marine On Saint Croix |
| 108 | Sheila Dillon, Willmar | | |
| 109 | Alan Dodson, Saint Paul | 134 | Kathryn Feterl, Minneapolis |
| 110 | Staub Doris, Marine On Saint Croix | 135 | John Firkus, Bloomington |
| 111 | Patrick Doss-Smith, Albert Lea | 136 | Meellee Fish, Rochester |
| 112 | Kay Drache, Minneapolis | 137 | Richard Fish, Minneapolis |
| 113 | Diane Droeger, Maplewood | 138 | Michele Flatau, Duluth |
| 114 | Margo Druschel, Mankato | 139 | Larry Fonnest, Minneapolis |
| 115 | Grace Ducosin, Maple Grove | 140 | Tyler Fougner, Minneapolis |
| 116 | Patti Ducosin, Maple Grove | 141 | Sharon Frykman, Grand Marais |
| 117 | Cathie Duncan, Saint Paul | 142 | R Fuller, Woodbury |
| 118 | Jennifer Eckes, Saint Paul | 143 | Don Fulton, Minneapolis |
| 119 | Chari Eckmann, Maple Grove | 144 | Suzanne Gappa, Saint Paul |
| 120 | Eva Ekola, Shoreview | 145 | Susanna Gaunt, Duluth |
| 121 | John Elkins, Nisswa | 146 | Janice Gawtry, Apple Valley |
| 122 | Kathi Ellis, Mora | 147 | Amy Goerwitz, Northfield |
| 123 | Stephanie Emerich, Saint Paul | 148 | Jody Goldstein, Rochester |
| 124 | Mark Emme, Minneapolis | 149 | Steve Gramstad, Redwood Falls |
| 125 | David Engelstad, Hopkins | 150 | Allison Greenwald, Minneapolis |
| 126 | Kirk Enzenauer, Minneapolis | 151 | Jan Gregerson, Minneapolis |
| 127 | Alan Epp, Minneapolis | | |

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| 152 Terry Grosshauser, Cook | 178 Sally Hofmeister, Minnetrista |
| 153 Les Gunderson, Perham | 179 Mackenzie Hojnacki, Ramsey |
| 154 Duane Gustafson, Cook | 180 Philip Holtegaard, Lanesboro |
| 155 Marcia Gustafson, Mankato | 181 Judith Hoover, Minneapolis |
| 156 Lee Hacklander, Prior Lake | 182 Michelle Horan, Minneapolis |
| 157 Elizabeth Hall, Duluth | 183 James Howitt, Minneapolis |
| 158 Shirley Hames, Minneapolis | 184 Charlotte Hubert, Coon Rapids |
| 159 Keith Hanson, Rochester | 185 Christine Hubert, Coon Rapids |
| 160 William Harper, Afton | 186 Dianne Hudson, Ely |
| 161 Laura Harpestad, Minnetonka | 187 Joan Hughes, Minneapolis |
| 162 John Harrington, Stacy | 188 Maxine Hughes, Shakopee |
| 163 Paul Harris, Moorhead | 189 Sarah Hunt, Saint Paul |
| 164 Roberta Haskin, Bloomington | 190 Janet Hunter, Stillwater |
| 165 Tim Hawkinson, Hopkins | 191 Kenneth Ikier, Rochester |
| 166 Janet Hayman, Afton | 192 Patricia Isaacs, Stillwater |
| 167 Jon Hayman, Afton | 193 R J, Bemidji |
| 168 Jo Hebbberger, Saint Paul | 194 Dana Jackson, Stillwater |
| 169 Chris Heeter, Bloomington | 195 Jill Jackson, Inver Grove Heights |
| 170 Michael Heinsohn, Columbia Heights | 196 Rolf Jacobson, Saint Paul |
| 171 Lisa Hensel, Buffalo | 197 Elizabeth Javinsky, Minneapolis |
| 172 Jessica Hensley, Minneapolis | 198 Jeff Jentz, Saint Paul |
| 173 Kent Hering, Bemidji | 199 Dotz Johnson, Detroit Lakes |
| 174 Avery Hildebrand, Duluth | 200 Holly Johnson, Saint Paul |
| 175 Anthony Hirschman, Plymouth | 201 Jennifer Johnson, Saint Paul |
| 176 Douglas Hlavacek, Afton | 202 Kimberly Johnson, Hugo |
| 177 Edwin Hlavka, Minneapolis | |

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203	Nancy Johnson, Willmar	229	Ellen Kraft, North Oaks
204	Nancy Johnson, Minneapolis	230	Audrey Kramer, Chanhassen
205	Pamela Johnson, Two Harbors	231	Nick Kunath, Minneapolis
206	Sarah Johnson, Minneapolis	232	Sandra Kuschel, Coon Rapids
207	Scott Johnson, Rochester	233	Jeffrey Lockhart, Winona
208	Dan Johnson-Powers, Roseville	234	Cindy LaCore, Kiester
209	Susan Jordan, Minneapolis	235	Richard Lamb, Minneapolis
210	Martha Joy, Minneapolis	236	Lynn Lang, Saint Cloud
211	Patricia Juberien, Lakeville	237	Michelle Lange-Pearson, Rochester
212	Gloria Karbo, Minneapolis	238	Kay Larsen, Minneapolis
213	Michael Katner, Mankato	239	Tracy Lawler, Minneapolis
214	Ruth Katz, Babbitt	240	Diane Layer, Brainerd
215	Mary Kaysinger, Hopkins	241	Marylin LeVoir, Minneapolis
216	Theresa Keaveny, New Ulm	242	John Lehnert, Minneapolis
217	Patrick Keene, Minneapolis	243	Andrine Lemieux, Tower
218	Nancy Kelly, Minneapolis	244	Robert Lenhardt, Minneapolis
219	Jeff Kerr, Saint Paul	245	Lisa Leonard, Minneapolis
220	Maggie Kessell, Saint Paul	246	Eileen Levin, Hopkins
221	Jeff Klaassen, Rochester	247	Margaret Levin, Saint Paul
222	Diane Klein, Rochester	248	Marcelle Lewandowski, Minneapolis
223	Kimberly Klein, Mankato	249	Pierre Lippert, Eagan
224	Barry Knapp, Rochester	250	Paula Long, Saint Paul
225	John Kniprath, Saint Paul	251	Elizabeth Loudon, Minneapolis
226	Rochelle Knotts, Ironton	252	Kathryn Lowery, Saint Paul
227	Lauren Kofsky, Minnetonka	253	Carol Lugg, Woodbury
228	Nancy Kolb, Plymouth		

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255	Jeannette Lutter-Gardella, Minneapolis	280	Kyle Momsen, Alexandria
256	Susan Macpherson, Saint Paul	281	Lesla Monroe, Circle Pines
257	Mary Madison, Northfield	282	Sheldon Monsrud, Chisago City
258	Richard Makela, Bloomington	283	Emily Moore, Minneapolis
259	Catherine Malotky, Hopkins	284	Michael Moore, Saint Cloud
260	Dawn Mantei, Apple Valley	285	Noreen Moore, Inver Grove Heights
261	Laurence Margolis, Minnetonka	286	Patricia Moore, Stillwater
262	Sarah Marquardt, Minneapolis	287	Kathleen Moraski, Woodbury
263	Jean Marrquette, Duluth	288	Colleen Morrison, Belle Plaine
264	Arlene Mathison, Minneapolis	289	Kelly Morrison, Andover
265	Sue McCullen, Jordan	290	Stan Mraz, Fridley
266	Maureen McDole, Minneapolis	291	George Muellner, Minneapolis
267	Cindy McDonald, Hugo	292	Ulrike Munderloh, Roseville
268	Jan McElfish, Minneapolis	293	John Murphy, Maple Grove
269	Susan McEwen, Saginaw	294	Michael Myhra, Saint Peter
270	Cynthia McKeen, Saint Paul	295	Amelia Narigon, Saint Paul
271	Judy Megorden, Cass Lake	296	Lizzy Narigon, Saint Paul
272	Timothy Megorden, Cass Lake	297	Wilfred Neill, Saint Cloud
273	Greg Mehlhop, Laporte	298	Deborah Nelson, Spicer
274	Peggy Meisch, North Branch	299	Jeffrey Nelson, Wayzata
275	Patricia Michaelson, Cook	300	Jodie Nelson, White Bear Lake
276	Mary Mirick, Chaska	301	Timothy Nesbitt, Maplewood
277	Janine Mistrick, Minneapolis	302	Julie Nester, Ely
278	Kathleen Moccio, Minneapolis	303	Brooke Newell, Sandstone

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| 304 | Dan Newman, Maple Grove | 330 | Emily Percy, Minneapolis |
| 305 | Mr. Nicholson, Minneapolis | 331 | Darrel Peterson, Blue Earth |
| 306 | Bernie Nierman, Austin | 332 | Fern Peterson, Minneapolis |
| 307 | Wilson Nightshadow, Virginia | 333 | Gretchen Peterson, Minneapolis |
| 308 | Lois Nokleby, Hampton | 334 | Lee Peterson, Burnsville |
| 309 | Michael Northbird, Blackduck | 335 | Vicki Peterson, Hopkins |
| 310 | Robert O'Hara, Minneapolis | 336 | Debra Pexa, Hibbing |
| 311 | Therese O'Connor, Rochester | 337 | Matthew Phillion, Lake Elmo |
| 312 | Jesse OKie, White Bear Lake | 338 | Kim Phillipp, Minneapolis |
| 313 | Earl Ockenga, Bemidji | 339 | Pamela Pietz, Saint Cloud |
| 314 | Mark Ogawa, Eagan | 340 | Ann Pineault, Minneapolis |
| 315 | Cheryl Olseth, Minneapolis | 341 | Alice Ploghoft, Lake Crystal |
| 316 | Carolyn Olson, Chaska | 342 | Betsey Porter, Minneapolis |
| 317 | Mitchell Oman, Minneapolis | 343 | Jan Porter, Park Rapids |
| 318 | Michael Overend, Cohasset | 344 | Wayne Potratz, Minneapolis |
| 319 | Tyler Owens, Mankato | 345 | Janice Pray, Alexandria |
| 320 | Laurel O'Gorman, Roseville | 346 | Lori Ptak, Tower |
| 321 | Melissa Paepke, Minneapolis | 347 | Michael Ptak, Tower |
| 322 | Katie Parke-Reimer, Saint Paul | 348 | Christine Pudney, Minneapolis |
| 323 | Dennis Parker, Burnsville | 349 | Christine Quinn, White Bear Lake |
| 324 | Mary Parker, Saint Paul | 350 | Charlotte Quinton, Minneapolis |
| 325 | Kathy Parkin, Annandale | 351 | Laura Raedeke, Nisswa |
| 326 | Eric Parrish, Worthington | 352 | Suzanne Ramthun, Rochester |
| 327 | Laurie Patrick, Hugo | 353 | Kay Randall, Moorhead |
| 328 | Anna Paul, Minneapolis | 354 | Theresa Ratigan, La Crescent |
| 329 | Nels Paulsen, Hopkins | | |

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355	Judy Redfield, Shakopee	381	Craig Schroeder, Paynesville
356	James Reynolds, Winona	382	Yvette Schultenover, Grand Rapids
357	Michael Ricci, Blaine	383	Steve Schultz, Minneapolis
358	Terry Richmond, Minneapolis	384	Sharon Schwartz, Stillwater
359	James Rickard, Afton	385	Rebecca Seal-Soileau, Rosemount
360	Paula Riggi, Wayzata	386	Jan Shannon, Hastings
361	Adeline Riha, North Mankato	387	Ruth Shaw, Roseville
362	Kathryn Ringham, Minneapolis	388	Alice Shea, Saint Paul
363	Katelynn Rolfes, Saint Paul	389	Joan Shields, Burnsville
364	Barbara Ronningen, Afton	390	Kathy Sidles, Saint Paul
365	Lauren Roquet, Saint Paul	391	Joanne Sieck, Rochester
366	Suzanne Ross, Saint Cloud	392	Bruce Sielaff, Minneapolis
367	Juliann Rule, Avon	393	Sarah Silva, Bayport
368	Brian Rusche, Park Rapids	394	Annette Skrukrud, Chatfield
369	Paul Ryals, Stanchfield	395	Anne Smith, Saint Paul
370	Sandra Ryan, White Bear Lake	396	Mark Smith, Glencoe
371	Katie Rysted, Eden Prairie	397	Terri Smith, Comfrey
372	Susan Starr, Oak Grove	398	Brad Snyder, Maple Grove
373	Nancy Salminen, Ely	399	Greg Solberg, Roseville
374	Ellen Sanford, Duluth	400	Gary Soule, Minneapolis
375	Terry Schiesel, Plymouth	401	Susan Soule, Minneapolis
376	JoAnn Schmidt, Gaylord	402	Mike Spry, Nevis
377	Patricia Schmidt, Northfield	403	Richard Staffon, Cloquet
378	Teresa Schneider, Minneapolis	404	Beth Stanford, Winona
379	George Schoephoerster, Saint Cloud	405	Chuck Stanley, Lake Elmo
380	Randy Schreifels, Saint Cloud		

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406	Bruce Stark, Minneapolis	432	Liz Wanschura, Caledonia
407	Mary Steponkus, Saint Paul	433	Teresa Ward, Minneapolis
408	Nan Stevenson, Shoreview	434	Susan Warner, Paynesville
409	Cleone Stewart, Perham	435	Richard Watson, Ely
410	Paul Stoki, Minneapolis	436	Joel Weisberg, Northfield
411	Thomas Strommen, Minneapolis	437	Robert Wellemeyer, Hastings
412	William Sulzbach, Saint Paul	438	Meagan Wells, Minneapolis
413	Barbara Swan, Eagan	439	Rita Wenner, Saint Paul
414	Lindsay Swan, Cloquet	440	Kristen Wesloh, Angora
415	Ken Swanson, Brimson	441	William Wessinger, Cottage Grove
416	Paul Thompson, Minneapolis	442	Alice West, Grand Marais
417	Mike Tauber, Backus	443	Amy Westbrook, Duluth
418	Jessica Templeton, Tower	444	Raymond Whitehill, Parkers Prairie
419	Doug Thomas, Duluth	445	Tracy Whitney, Wayzata
420	Krista Tommerdahl, Circle Pines	446	Candice Wielinski, Lino Lakes
421	Lorenzo Tunesi, Minneapolis	447	Bonnie Wilcox, Apple Valley
422	Dan Ullberg, Minneapolis	448	Cindy Winters, Mankato
423	Rita Ulrich, Burnsville	449	Christina Wong, Minneapolis
424	Judy Urban, Eagan	450	Cathy Wood, Duluth
425	Laura Vance, Saint Paul	451	Angela Woods, Plymouth
426	MaryAnn VandeVusse, Savage	452	Patrick Woods, Plymouth
427	John Viacrucis, Moorhead	453	John Wozniak, Saint Paul
428	Albert Vierling, Saint Paul	454	Shirley Wuchter, Duluth
429	Stephanie Vreeman, Spring Valley	455	Bryan Wyberg, Roseville
430	Bob Walker, Gheen	456	Virginia Yingling, Maplewood
431	Jonathan Walseth, Cottage Grove		

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- 457 Jean Young, Spring Grove
- 458 Andy Zelinskas, Saint Paul
- 459 Jodi Andrews, Ramsey
- 460 Kim Bartmann, Minneapolis
- 461 Cleve Crowningshield, Northfield
- 462 Jennifer Davis, Minneapolis
- 463 Ashle Horton, Elk River
- 464 Patricia Huberty, Mendota Heights
- 465 Jason Husby, Minneapolis
- 466 George Kelzer, Eden Prairie
- 467 WR Life, Saint Paul
- 468 Janet lilleberg, Woodbury
- 469 Elaine Rosner, Saint Paul
- 470 Maribeth Schulke, Maple Lake
- 471 Kirstin Van den Berg, Lutsen
- 472 Randy Wenthold, Menahga