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Please read to understand what is really going on with this proposed sulfate standard and how horribly biased the Star Tribune and other media are, trying to make mining out to be the bad guys! The truth is the water up here is cleaner than anywhere in Minnesota. Keetac, the mine I work at has been dewatering mine pits for over 60 years and discharging the water into downstream lakes that still have wild rice flourishing in them. The MPCA wants to put a 10 ppm limit on sulfates in water discharged from our mines when the drinking water standard is 250 ppm. We could literally bottle all this water and sell it, but instead the MPCA, led by Gov Walz would rather have us spend millions to billions of dollars to try to treat this water to get it down below 10 ppm. It's absolutely ridiculous and is void of any scientific basis. BTW iron ore mining provides millions of dollars in revenue to schools throughout the state thru the PUFT fund from state mineral leases, so closing down mines is going to negatively impact the entire state! People need to educate themselves on this and remember this when they go to the polls and vote for Governor as Walz appointed the MPCA commissioner and is doing nothing but trying to ruin this state!