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MPCA,

I agree with the MPCA that a sulfate variance at the Keetac Mine and Tailings Basin needs to be denied. It's incredible that they've been operating without a permit since 2016. That's sad.

Five years is too long to wait for them to come into compliance with the 10ppm wild rice waters standard. That's a fantasy.

I've visited and followed the Clearwater Biologic process for cleaning up sulfate and mercury. It works, and it's very affordable. I'm hoping that the new USS owner, Nippon Steel, will act as an honest environmental steward. That would be a refreshing change from the current "rope a dope" game.

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