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To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider lowering the Minnesota Sulfate Standard. These mines have put countless meals on the tables and children through college for our communities. I personally have worked at some of these facilities. For the past 2.5 years, I have worked for a construction company and during this time, we have used tailings "waste", as everyone calls it, overburden rock from the mines to build roads, foundations for buildings and countless other uses. This narrative that tailings/overburden is waste is giving off the impression that the mines are turning lakes into glowing green chemical wastelands. The fact is they aren't and the people that actually live in these communities are not going to allow that to happen.

MPCA, please refrain from including sulfate limits in Keetac's permits. If retained, revise the permits to include a single compliance point and allow sufficient time for compliance. Update the sulfate standard in accordance with the 2011 law and current science.

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