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The 10 mg/l is not realistic for the wild rice standard because wild rice can survive with levels of 1600 mg/l. The National standard is 250 mg/l and most bottle water has levels of 55 mg/l or higher. Please give Kee Tac their permits to allow good paying jobs to continue on the Iron Range.

THE FACTS

- Minnesota is the only state/province in North America with a sulfate standard.
- Wild rice has been successful in waters with sulfate levels of 1,600 mg/L and beyond.
- Many other factors like iron and carbon content greatly determine wild rice resilience.
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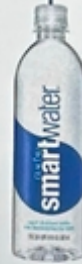
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SULFATE CONTENT

MPCA's proposed standard: 10 mg/L

For many businesses and communities, a 10 mg/L sulfate standard is functionally unattainable. As a result, most organizations must request variances to the state's antiquated standard.



Smartwater: 77 mg/L



San Pellegrino: 445 mg/L