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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of a community affected by Keetac's operations, I am concerned about the MPCA's decision to require sulfate compliance at each outfall, despite all discharges entering a single water body. I work as a fire fighter in this community and know this impact this would have. A downstream compliance point would more accurately reflect environmental impact and better protect the receiving waters.

Additionally, the MPCA's failure to act on the 2014 site-specific standard (SSS) request and denial of the 2022 application—both supported by scientific evidence—undermines confidence in the regulatory process. Wild rice has thrived in Hay Lake for decades, indicating the current 10 mg/L standard is outdated.

I respectfully urge the MPCA to:

- 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.

Sincerely,

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Resident of Mountain Iron, an Impacted Community