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The toxic waste in Area C will remain there until it is cleaned up. That means that it will pose a risk to all future humans and wildlife until we make an effort to clean it. While the waste is somewhat contained now, it will not be forever. Why not take the opportunity now? We are seeing increased floods and intense storms with global warming and climate change, and the likelihood of disruption to Area C only becomes greater every year. Toxic waste will not clean itself up, and every year that Area C stays contaminated is another year that we risk movement and leaching of the waste, harming humans and the environment.

Yes, Ford may take legal action. Legal action that the MPCA can fight and can win. What is worse? The possibility of losing to Ford, a giant corporation that has demonstrated time and time again that the environment is not a priority to them, with many emissions and pollutions scandals, or losing the trust of Minnesota residents, the people you are supposed to serve? What is the point of avoiding a fight with a major polluter if it means the people you work for no longer believe that you are fighting for them? Take a proactive step to protect the Mississippi River for the people of today and for future generations.