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Dear Commissioner Kessler, MPCA,

The 35 page Fact Sheet and the 121 page Draft Permit, along with the January 14 public hearing were all very interesting and useful in evaluating this project. Water quality is very important to me, and I appreciate how this draft permit thoroughly addresses it by adding additional, important, common sense requirements that weren't in the original permit. One important new requirement is that Mesabi Metallics is to hold an annual public meeting regarding facility operations and permit compliance. Additional monitoring and closure requirements are good. And it's a good sign that no variances from rules have been requested. As I've said before, I have followed this project closely since M.M. took over, and I believe that this Wastewater Permit should be granted.

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