

Online Comment

Permit Portal: Air

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Comment:

Hello, my name is Darryn and I am putting forth my comment of FULL support of the PolyMet/NorthMet Air Quality Permit! I as a former citizen of the metropolitan area in Princeton, MN, and now current resident of Buhl, MN as a iron ranger for the previous three years of my life completely support the acceptance of this Air Quality Permit. Growing up near the Twin Cities and having seen life on the Iron Range has been a real eye opener on the importance of this mine coming to fruition. We currently rely on our precious metals we need for everyday life and security to come from other countries where there is no such thing as environmental protections or worker's health standards. We have those regulations and protections here in MN and are some of the strongest in the nation. I have never experienced such clean water and clean air as there is in northern MN, We have been mining here for almost the last 200 years and have some of the cleanest resources there are. This is proof that mining can be done responsibly without excessive harmful pollution. With the large scale mining projects that have existed like Minntac, Hibbing Taconite, Keetac, Minorca, and the Thunderbird Mine, and all the previous smaller mines that have opened and closed since, if pollution was certain as a result of mining companies, it would be here as we speak and as I write this comment. But it is not, We have some of the cleanest freshwater and air in the country and world. Polymet has shown and proven they have a plan to responsibly finance, build and construct, and operate the Copper/Nickle mine without harm. Please approve this permit so we can continue to have great family supporting jobs in northern MN and fuel our nation independently with the resources we need. Please let this letter participate in the final decision of this Permit. Thank you Thank you,

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