

Online Comment

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10 February 2018 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, I write to you today while thinking of my granddaughter. We both live in Duluth, downstream of the proposed PolyMet mine. We know that children in the Arrowhead are already overexposed to mercury pollution. Will this mine increase our children's exposure to mercury and other toxins? We really do not know. We do not know because we have not asked the question by doing a Health Impact Assessment. This assurance that the mine's water and air pollution will not effect people in the Arrowhead has been supported by 30,000 doctors, nurses and health care professionals. Granting the air or water quality permits without doing a Health Impact Assessment needlessly exposes our children to unknown risks. Our granddaughter is just one year old. When she is old enough to be looking for a job, PolyMet will be closing down. Instead of a high paying job, we will be leaving her and her grandchildren a leaking tailings basin and the almost-certain danger of a catastrophic mine collapse in the St. Louis River watershed. One generation of jobs for hundreds of people means generations of pollution for all of us. For a grandfather, this is a short sighted bargain. We need an evidentiary hearing to examine the facts of the benefits versus the dangers of this type of mining before granting the permit to mine. Sincerely, Jay Newcomb 1230 East 8th Street Duluth 55805 218-724-6141

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