

Online Comment

Permit Portal: Air

2/25/2018

Comment:

Dear MN DNR, From the MN DNR website Mission Statement: "DNR manages the state's water resources, sustaining healthy waterways and ground water resources." The MN DNR should not allow mining that has the potential to damage the massive, unique and ecologically fragile watersheds of Northern Minnesota. The financial risk of unintended watershed pollution to the public is unacceptable. The ecological risk to the watershed is unacceptable. Clean fresh water is the single most important non-atmospheric resource in our state. The potential to put up to 10% of the world's fresh water resource at risk in exchange for the limited job and profit economic opportunities of copper and nickel mining in Northern Minnesota is totally unacceptable. There is no historical precedent that this type of sulfide mining can be done without ground water contamination. There is no proof that this enterprise can successfully prevent the ecological damage that has come about from every other sulfide mining operation. I do not want my children, and theirs, to potentially be responsible as taxpayers for dealing with another avoidable SuperFund site. I respectfully request that the MN DNR deny the Northmet Draft Permit to Mine. Sincerely, Dr. Michael Overend Two Harbors, MN

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