

Online Comment

Permit Portal: Air

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Dear DNR, I strongly urge you to reject the PolyMet NorthMet sulfide-ore air quality permit application. It is immoral for us as a society to create a contaminated site that will last for centuries when we cannot know that our current economic and regulatory systems will be there as long as needed to take care of it. New content or unresolved issues that still need to be addressed include but are not limited to the following: " Require PM to prove it can meet minimum air quality standards relating to dust from increased vehicle traffic, train exhaust, and facility air pollution at the proposed mine and plant sites. Mines usually promise high, and perform low. Meaning, PolyMet plans to use the same technology that other mines have used, nothing new, nothing better, yet claims it will achieve what has never been achieved before. Reject the permit application and require proven Best Available Technology be used to achieve minimum air pollution standards; " Conduct a Health Impact Assessment - even Alaska does these for proposed sulfide-ore mines. Human health is at great risk with this proposal's air pollution impacts. Air pollution from PolyMet will affect people living nearby, and those who feel the air deposition of pollution in far away lands. These people deserve to know what health risks will be placed upon them due to PolyMet's air pollution; I have paddled the Partridge River, as have many others have. It's quite beautiful and the air is quite clean. This river lies directly downstream of PolyMet's proposed mine site and offers publicly accessible clean air. PolyMet plans to pollute air that belongs to the public. And, during the course of these many years of public hearings, over 100,000 citizens have commented to agencies that we do not want PolyMet's pollution. I hope you listen to the people and deny the PolyMet air quality application. Respectfully, Tonia Kittelson

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