

## Spreadsheet of Rebuttal of Comments: Sierra Club

Number	Name/Affiliation	Comment Topic	Summary of Comment	MPCA Response
942	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	"We oppose actions that threaten aquatic life, wildlife, and clean water and believe that dropping the numeric standards for the Class 3 and Class 4 waters will certainly result in water quality and habitat degradation. In addition, we believe that the MPCA should be renewing the Class 2 (aquatic life and recreation) standards before the MPCA relaxes standards that are currently protecting those uses."	These comments were addressed in multiple parts of MPCA's initial Response Memo.
943	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	"MPCA is charged with protecting human and environmental health and the federal Clean Water Act is clear: MPCA cannot make a rule that would leave our waters less protected."	These comments were addressed in multiple parts of MPCA's initial Response Memo.
944	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	"Retain the current class 3 and 4 numeric standards. They are providing some protection for aquatic life and recreation; however, even with the current numeric Class 2, Class 3, and Class 4 standards, our waters are at risk from ionic pollution. Dropping standards will harm aquatic life and threaten wildlife, people, and businesses."	These comments were addressed in multiple parts of MPCA's initial Response Memo.
945	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about S-5, aquatic life narrative standard interim policy	"Create enforceable ionic and conductivity standards for Class 2 waters. The MPCA agrees that aquatic life is at risk from ionic pollution, and that ionic and special conductivity standards should be developed for Class 2 waters. MPCA offers a change to the Class 2 narrative standard (SONAR Exhibit S-5) but it is unenforceable given that there are no specific numeric standards."	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.B.2.a (Process for Protecting Aquatic Life)
946	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	"The MPCA proposed changes to the standards are flawed and will weaken what little protection we have with the current standards."	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.
947	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about application of the standards and/or effluent limits	"Water quality standards matter for all users and should be implemented and enforced throughout a water body, not just where water is extracted by an industry or a high-volume user."	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.

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948	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	"This proposal is the wrong action now and should be reconsidered and revised. Further attention is needed now to developing protective Class 2 standards and revising Class 3 and Class 4 standards later."	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.
949	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about application of the standards and/or effluent limits	"Current standards are Partially Protective. Currently, Class 3 (industrial use) has numeric standards for chloride, hardness, and pH. There are Class 4 (agricultural and wildlife use) numeric standards for bicarbonate, pH, specific conductance, total dissolved salts, and sodium. In several cases, these are the most stringent standards protecting our waters. As 7050.0220, subpart 1, F states "When two or more use classes have standards for the same pollutant the most stringent standard applies pursuant to 7050.0450."	This comments was addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo, Section III.B.1 (Beneficial Uses and Criteria/Standards)
950	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	Even the current standards are not sufficient to protect aquatic life from ionic pollution	This comments was addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo, Section III.B.2 (Need to Protect Aquatic Life)
951	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about S-5, aquatic life narrative standard interim policy	"The MPCA agrees that aquatic life is at risk from ionic pollution...The MPCA presents a proposed change to the narrative standard for Class 2 waters in SONAR Exhibit S-5. This change would incorporate the impact of special conductance values on macroinvertebrates in different regions of the state. This is a laudable effort, but its enforceability is completely unclear, and it is questionable that it would be effective in preventing ionic pollution. It hints at possible numeric regional standards, but why are they not adopting actual Class 2 rules? If the Agency is serious about protecting aquatic life, it would move forward directly with setting Class 2 standards for special conductance and other ions."	This comments was addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo, Section III.B.2.a (Process for Protecting Aquatic Life)
952	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	"The MPCA's proposed changes to the Class 3 and Class 4 standards are flawed, and they will weaken what little protection we have from the current numeric Class 3 and Class 4 standards."	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.

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953	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	"This proposal will remove most numeric water quality standards from the Class 3 and 4 standards. Removal of chloride, total dissolved salts, and special conductance standards will have an impact on aquatic life. Discharges from mining pits and tailings basins are often high in salts, and as a result, special conductance levels are also high. Taconite mining and proposed copper-nickel mining discharge into Northern Forest waters that generally have low alkalinity (low in ions and special conductance). Their flora and fauna will be especially sensitive to high ionic discharges."	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.
954	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about application of the standards and/or effluent limits	If we understand the MPCA's proposed Class 3 and 4 changes correctly, the MPCA only cares that the Class 3 standards are met at known industrial or agricultural user locations. The Class 3 and 4 water quality standards do not seem to apply to the stretch of river between an emitter and the known user. This seems contrary to all other water quality standards and begs the question about smaller water users (a family garden or small truck farm, for instance).	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.A.1 (Application of the Standards)
955	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 1 drinking water	The proposed 100 mg/l nitrogen (nitrate + nitrite) standard, which the MPCA characterizes as "not particularly stringent", might be useful in protecting some waters, but we are concerned that many drinking water systems are struggling to meet the 10 mg/l drinking water standard. Nitrate is a big problem in the agricultural areas of the state, and we need to see a more thorough analysis of the impact of this standard on the nitrate problem. Without clear Class 2 Aquatic Life water quality standards, this could be a license to pollute. A pollution source could say they are meeting standards even though downstream or groundwater users will have big clean-up costs to meet the drinking water standard.	This comment was addressed in MPCA's initial response.
956	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	This proposal is the wrong action at this time. The MPCA needs to develop Class 2 standards and then it could revisit the Class 3 and 4 standards.	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.B.2 (Need to Protect Aquatic Life)

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957	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	The MPCA argues that discussion of Class 2 Aquatic life and recreational use standards are inappropriate in this proceeding. However, they have a conundrum. The science has changed and it has become clear that we need ionic standards for aquatic life and recreational use. The MPCA acknowledges that Minnesota needs Class 2 ionic standards. They are bound by the rule Multiclassification Rule (7050.0450) that the most stringent standard should apply when more than one use class is assigned to a waterbody. The accident of history (development of the Class 3 and 4 standards many years ago) has found the MPCA with the more stringent standards being in the Class 3 and 4 use classes. In an attempt to solve this problem, they have offered a change to the Class 2 narrative standards to include ionic standards, but that proposal suffers from unenforceability.	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.B.2 (Need to Protect Aquatic Life) and Section III.B.2.a (Process for Protecting Aquatic Life)
958	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The commenter requests the ALJ: "Disapprove of the removal of the numeric Class 3 and Class 4 standards. The removal will harm aquatic life and threaten harm to wildlife, people and businesses."	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.B.2 (Need to Protect Aquatic Life)
959	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about proposed Class 4B numeric standards	The commenter requests the ALJ: "Disapprove of a "not too stringent" nitrogen standard whose impact is poorly analyzed and understood in terms of dealing with the huge nitrate pollution issue in the agricultural areas of the state."	This comment was addressed in the MPCA's initial Response Memo, Section II.A (Industrial and Agriculture Beneficial Uses vs. Industrial and Agricultural Pollution) and Section III.A.4 (Wildlife or Wildlife Watering). If the commenter can provide details on scientific studies that support the need to have a more stringent nitrate standard to protect wildlife (not aquatic life) from these pollutants in their drinking water, the MPCA would carefully review such data.
960	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about application of the	The commenter requests the ALJ: "Disapprove of the idea that water quality violations only matter where water is extracted by a	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.A.1 (Application of the Standards)

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		standards and/or effluent limits	high-volume user. Water quality standards should be in effect and enforced uniformly throughout a particular water body."	
961	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	The commenter requests the ALJ: "Recommend that the MPCA establish Class 2 Aquatic Life standards for ionic pollutants such as: special conductance, total dissolved salts, and individual ions as appropriate to protect the life in the waters of the state."	Addressed in MPCA's initial Response Memo Section III.B.2 (Need to Protect Aquatic Life). The MPCA has identified, as part of the triennial standards review, that such Class 2 standards may be needed. Comments on the triennial review may be made until April 9.
962	Steven Ring on behalf of Sierra Club letter included additional 428 individuals	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Support Sierra Club; no individual comment	These commenters endorsed the comment letter submitted by the Sierra Club. MPCA's responses to those comments are provided on a different spreadsheet. Some commenters simply endorsed the overall letter, while others provided generally short additional comments. The additional comments are included here. The comments generally 1) express support for the importance of clean water and 2) express concern about the proposed rule amendments. The MPCA takes seriously our goal to protect clean water. The MPCA's initial Response Memo and the Rebuttal Response Memo address the concerns expressed, as they relate to the specifics of the proposed rule.
963	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Rosd	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	60% of an adult body is water, less than optimal drinking water which affects our Neurological, Immune, GI, all bodily systems. Pollution makes us physically sick. Why are mining companies more important than our bodies. Lake Superior is the largest fresh water body. We need another Miles Lord.	

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964	Steven Ring on behalf of Lori Olinger	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	A new UNEP report released on Feb 18, 2021 says that we need to tackle three planetary crises - climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Now more than ever we need to protect our water.	
965	Steven Ring on behalf of Duane Pierson	Comments about narrative standards	A picture is worth a 1000 words. So is a number worth 1000 words. Numerical ratings of water quality should not be changed.	
966	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Wilson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	a precious resource that defines our state	
967	Steven Ring on behalf of Bruce Kuehmichel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	A. Oskarasson and MC. Wright concluded their Environmental Science Technology article: Environ. Sci. Techno. 2019, 53, 18, 10539-10541, Publ. Date August, 23, 2019 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1021/asc.est.9b04778">https://doi.org/10.1021/asc.est.9b04778</a> "...present data do not justify ionic liquids to be classified as environmentally safe chemicals...From PFASs we have learnt that once the chemicals have been emitted, they will be long lasting in the environment..." The history of chemicals is fraught with harmful unintended consequences. Adhering to the precautionary principle serves the health and safety of the state much better than self serving profit margins. Do the right thing, protect living waters not industrial interests.	
968	Steven Ring on behalf of Joan Janus	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Absolutely do not weaken standards. Clean water should be available to all of us. My grandsons enjoy wading in the creek near their house. You have the ability and responsibly to keep their creek and larger bodies of water clean for drinking an recreation. I will be following your actions. Make decisions for the people, not for corporations. Thank you. Joan Janusz Northfield MN	
969	Steven Ring on behalf of Wade Johnson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	And lets not forget to ENFORCE these standards.	

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970	Steven Ring on behalf of Carter Hedeem	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Any change that weakens the standards is not acceptable.	
971	Steven Ring on behalf of Judy Urban	Comments about narrative standards	Any changes to measuring of pollutants from numeric to "narrative" will have the effect of opening the door to law suits and endless court battles relating to translation of verbal descriptions, instead of using actual numeric measurements as the basis for the decisions.	
972	Steven Ring on behalf of Julie Glanton	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a 12 year volunteer for Stream Health Evaluation Project working in the Rice Creek Watershed I understand and see first hand how our actions effect water and wildlife. We need to protect our valuable water because any corrections down the road cost taxpayers a lot of money. Money from citizen?s pockets. Please keep our waters safe and healthy.	
973	Steven Ring on behalf of Mark Emme	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a lifelong Minnesota resident I have seen the degradation of our waters firsthand. We must step up and provide better protection to this precious natural resource.	
974	Steven Ring on behalf of Elizabeth Kenison	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a lifelong Minnesotan I have always deeply valued our water resources, from clean lakes to clean drinking water. For the MPCA to weaken quality standards is bizarre and unconscionable, and goes directly against your purpose and mandate. If the MPCA is concerned that these standards are out of date, you should conduct and full and independent scientific review, and then strengthen the standards where appropriate. To weaken protections across the board in the name of ?progress? is ridiculous, and the exact opposite of what the MPCA should be doing. Your duty is to the people and the environment of Minnesota, not to large corporations attempting to make even more outrageous amounts of money than they already do. Do not abdicate this responsibility, and retain?or strengthen?water protection rules, not diminish them.	

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975	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Lamp	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a lifelong Minnesotan, I know We don?t get to take back the impact of relaxing standards, and water quality is essential - please reject the proposed changes.	
976	Steven Ring on behalf of Jessica Livingston	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a Minnesotan who grew up spending time on our lakes, it means a lot to me that these lands stay healthy	
977	Steven Ring on behalf of Pam Martin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a mother who sends off her daughter and husband to the BWCA every year, I want to know that they will have safe drinking water and be safe to swim in said water. Please help keep this national treasure pristine	
978	Steven Ring on behalf of Liz Dahl	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a physician, family farmer and person who cares about wildlife and the environment I urge you to maintain clean water standards for the health of all of us and the next generations.	
979	Margeret Levin Ed Nordling	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As a traditional environmentalist and lifelong Minnesotan, water quality is very important to me. I pay attention to how politician vote and I?m vocal to people across both parties because this isn?t a partisan issue. Do the right thing!	
980	Steven Ring on behalf of Stan Mraz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As an elementary science teacher, during our water unit, I have my students brainstorm a list together of reasons why we all need clean water. Their lists always surpass my expectations. Their lists include everything from ants to agriculture. Then, I ask the students to brainstorm together a list of why we should have polluted water. Their innocent eyes look at me in confusion. For the children, the importance of clean water is an easy choice.	
981	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Borgen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As an outdoor enthusiast and grandmother, I ask that you not lessen the restrictions.	



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982	Steven Ring on behalf of Tina Zitzewitz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As someone who frequently goes to the North Shore and spends all summer on the St Croix River I disapprove any change that will adversely affect our water quality. Please reject these changes. Regards, Tina Zitzewitz	
983	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Dragsten	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As someone who has a cabin in northern Minnesota and also who visits the BWCA every year, am opposed to any rule changes that would weaken water quality standards. Minnesota's tourist industry relies on clean water.	
984	Steven Ring on behalf of Cora Preston	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As someone who has grown up enjoying the clean waters across Minnesota, and just recently started exploring the BWCA, I am deeply concerned about anything that could compromise these waters. My identity as a Minnesotan is tied up in clean lakes, swimming at my grandparents cabins and exploring the Mississippi and lake Superior.	
985	Steven Ring on behalf of Patrick Obrien	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" Minnesota should have the highest water quality standards. We should be an example for other states to follow in protection of natural resources.	
986	Steven Ring on behalf of Roger Day	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As the water quality throughout the state is so vital to both our health and to the economy, it is unconscionable for the MPCA to propose weaker quality standards. Please. reject these standards.	
987	Steven Ring on behalf of Dan and Mary Hooley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	As you are well aware, the MPCA has largely ignored overwhelming public opposition to water standard changes, as well as to industrial mining proximate to sensitive waters. Why the agency has blithely ignored public comment and scientific input bewilders me. It's role as a public service agency whose remit is, precisely, to protect the environment, and citizens, from the deleterious effects of pollution, has been seriously compromised by its actions. Simply put, the agency is not doing its job.	
988	Steven Ring on behalf of Tina Krauz	Comments generally opposing the	ask yourself will this improve the life of our residents? Why is this being proposed is it to profit greed or increase the health of our people? I am on the side of the human life and protection of our	

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		proposed rule amendments	children and general population, not to even mention saving life on this planet? Will you help?	
989	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard Wilson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	At a time when we should be strengthening regulations to protect our natural resources, time and again special interests hold sway over the wishes of the people who installed them in office. Please let your conscience guide your decision. As a public land owner, I ask that you pay attention to the the science and stop selling nature out to industry and their false promises of caring about their impact on our public lands.	
990	Steven Ring on behalf of Courtney Blake	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Being able to take my children to lakes for recreation is key to our quality of life in this state. Keeping nature safe for wildlife as well as us is essential. We should be focusing on stricter regulations not loosening them. Thank you for voting against these changes	
991	Steven Ring on behalf of Pat Peschman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Biodiversity is key to our survival and the health of Minnesota's ecosystems. Be forward thinking and protect the health of water and humans.	
992	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia Pool	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Both for the native Minnesotans and for our outstate visitors, let's get together and protect our waters....	
993	Steven Ring on behalf of Mara Mccollor	Comments about environmental justice	By weakening our water quality standards, we are giving a pass to mining companies and major polluters who are more considerate of their own economic gain than the health of Minnesotan communities. This poses a huge environmental injustice problem. What communities would be most affected by this rollback? Would it be rich white neighborhoods in the suburbs of Minneapolis and Saint Paul? No, it would be indigenous, black, and brown communities all over the state who would be put at most risk and whose health is already on the line with the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on non-white communities. You have a chance to stop this, so I am asking you to do what is right, not for an out-	

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			sourced mining company, but for your neighbors all around you here in Minnesota.	
994	Steven Ring on behalf of Marcia Bergstrom	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Can we slow down and have MPCA perform a detailed analysis on the specific water bodies it wants to change the rules on - BEFORE changing them? These proposed rules are so ridiculously unsound, unmeasurable, and ill considered. Not that I am thrilled about the proposals, but scientifically, and ecologically how will MPCA ever be able to weigh any of the changes? Lastly, " A narrative description by a translator(?!)" means writing more broadbased, feely-touchy fiction, that even MPCA doesn't know where to go with the chapter's plot. UNSOUND ILL ADVISED!!!	
995	Steven Ring on behalf of Bruce Colwell	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water and conservation of our natural resources is of primary importance to me; it is why I love and remain in Minnesota for my retirement years.	
996	Steven Ring on behalf of June Wynne	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	clean water as even Texans know now is a very important commodity to human/world survival. Please don't let greed decrease our world wide clean water supply to less than 1%. June Wynne	
997	Steven Ring on behalf of Nick McNeely	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water has never been more valuable than it is today. Much of the U.S. is facing clean water shortages and contamination of fresh water sources. Minnesota has an opportunity to retain and protect a high value, long term life sustaining and recreational advantage over the rest of the United States.	
998	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Berg	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is a necessity not a luxury. Please safeguard it by keeping high quality standards.	

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999	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard Mammel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is essential for all bio life to survive at all. To allow it to be polluted is sheer madness.	
1000	Steven Ring on behalf of Anne Piper	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is essential to health.	
1001	Steven Ring on behalf of Jo Reisdorfer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is essential to healthy living for all species.	
1002	Steven Ring on behalf of April Narcisse	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is imperative for our health and our future for every living thing. The MPCA is moving our future in the wrong direction by loosening water quality standards of any of our waters. Yes, it gets expensive to keep our waters clean, but it is required to keep us and our environment healthy.	
1003	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia Frost	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is one of the greatest gifts we have. Please don't squander it by lowering standards!	
1004	Steven Ring on behalf of Dawn Larsen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is one of the most fundamental environmental issues we are facing today.	
1005	Steven Ring on behalf of Anne Gillen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is our most important commodity. Please choose Mother Earth and our protection over profit. Money can always be made. Clean water CANNOT.	

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1006	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Riskin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water is sacred. Once polluted it is poisoned forever.	
1007	Steven Ring on behalf of Tom Clarke	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean Water is such an important, valuable resource for Minnesota. I used to live near the St Croix River and still paddle and swim there. Now I live near the Mississippi and drink it too here in Minneapolis. So I am reminded every day how precious water is and how much we must protect it. The MPCA, in my opinion has a sorry record of protecting our Clean Water. Please help by toughening our rules, regs and laws.	
1008	Steven Ring on behalf of Ryan Baka	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water means a healthy environment and a huge benefit for human civilization.	
1009	Steven Ring on behalf of Anne Clarke	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water must be protected. It is a hallmark of our Minnesota identity. It is essential for the health of our residents ,for the tourists that come to enjoy our 10,000 lakes, and for our ecosystem.	
1010	Steven Ring on behalf of Ryan Baka	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water promotes health for the environment and human civilization.	
1011	Steven Ring on behalf of Danielle Vlazny	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water should always be a priority. We will not survive without safe water and neither will all the species we impact without thought.	
1012	Steven Ring on behalf of Sherry Abts	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean water should be a right for all people and wildlife. Water is Life.	

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1013	Steven Ring on behalf of Denise Marlowe	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clean,safe drinking water is essential.	
1014	Steven Ring on behalf of Mia Nosanow	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Clear water is part of our Minnesota culture and legacy!	
1015	Steven Ring on behalf of Jennifer Ilse	Comments about narrative standards	Creating a "narrative" standard to replace a numerical standard makes no sense for a department that relies on science for decision making. You would be removing any objectivity in decisions, providing a gaping hole for destruction of our water. It has been made clear over and over that Minnesotans from a broad political spectrum support clean water and rely on it for daily life, tourism, hunting and fishing, and recreation. Protecting it should be a priority, not something to figure out how to work around.	
1016	Steven Ring on behalf of Carolyn Law	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Dear Judge. With many lakes in Minnesota being substandard we can't afford even lower water standards. We need to make Minnesota a leader in water quality. Help us keep Minnesota proud of its 10,000 and more lakes and rivers. From the mighty Mississippi to Mille Lacs Lake and more. Please help us keep Minnesota strong and clean	
1017	Steven Ring on behalf of Stephen Hanson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Do not stop improving our water quality!	
1018	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Fredrickson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Do whatever you can to improve, not deteriorate MN water quality.	

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1019	Steven Ring on behalf of Chris Chookiatsirichai	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Does the water crises that continues in Michigan not concern you? Are you truly okay will allowing the Boundary Waters to have hazardous petro chemicals or crude oil spill into it destroying precious eco-systems and areas, animals, fauna, PEOPLE?! These sacred places that we as Minnesotans go to appreciate what makes our state unique. You would allow the undoing and start the disintegration of clean pure freshwater that we as humans and animals need to survive. This is such short sighted vision that endangers not only this generation but all future generations. Our water quality MUST be protected here, now and in every part of this country and as leaders who can move us in the correct direction by keeping these standards high -you can set the wheels in motion to protect this natural life giving resource for us and the future.	
1020	Steven Ring on behalf of Bill Liss	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	don't do what trump would do	
1021	Steven Ring on behalf of Ronald Spenst	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Don't compromise clean pure water, don't start dismantling the rules we now have in place to keep our water safe!	
1022	Steven Ring on behalf of William Smith	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Don't put our water at risk . We need it forever	
1023	Steven Ring on behalf of Paul Juske	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Don't rob future generations of a clean environment.	
1024	Steven Ring on behalf of Peter Haugen	Comments generally opposing the	Don't harm/weaken our clean water standards for any reason!	

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1025	Steven Ring on behalf of Claire Dolney	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Don't jeopardize the health of Minnesota residents, our communities, and environment! Corporations should be held accountable for their actions and that includes pollution. Without an incentive for corporations to be better stewards for Minnesota and its inhabitants, we could lose some of the beauty and natural resources that ensure our state thrives. Be a leader in protecting ALL residents of MN and the environment, not just those that would profit.	
1026	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Wiberg	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Don't weaken our water quality standards. Let's keep our precious water safe for all.	
1027	Steven Ring on behalf of Caitlin Addison-Howard	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Dropping the numbers as the standard, like lowering the flag, means our value has been defeated in this battle for life. Putting the American flag in reverse on the right shoulder of a soldier makes it appear that the stripes are moving in the wind as the soldier goes forward...and the canton that holds the stars stays close to the pole that bears the standard. Do not let them capture our flag on these shores of the sands of time.	
1028	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard and Anne Heller	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Due to PPE requirements during Covid we have increased the one time use of disposable products. This requires more efforts to maintain clean water, which directly impacts our health, especially that of children who are our future.	
1029	Steven Ring on behalf of Melanie Tapelt	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Environment and healthy wellbeing is on going.	
1030	Steven Ring on behalf of Karla Booth	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Every individual deserves clean and pure drinking water! Our water standards should remain high in quality	



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1031	Margaret Levein Jeanne Landkamer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	For me, a compelling reason to oppose these changes is the opposition of the Fond du Lac and Grand Portage bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa. I trust their perspectives more than that of profit-making industries, who seem to be very happy with the new proposed rules. It is time we listen to our indigenous elders and take better care of our waters, which are the lifeblood of our state.	
1032	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Flygare	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	For our children and grandchildren as well, please do not endanger our clean water. Think beyond short term gain and help create a healthy future for all living things. Thank you, Susan Flygare.	
1033	Steven Ring on behalf of Steven Underhill	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	For the sake of all living things we need to take care of our water. We cannot allow this finite resource to be compromised. Thanks for listening.	
1034	Steven Ring on behalf of Amy Crane	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	frogs with extra legs? that sounds painful! it can be prevented! always vote for clean water PLEASE limit dumping limit pesticides limit toxic metal runoff	
1035	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Lunde	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Frogs, other amphibians, and all of us, rely on clean water! This proposed deregulation would benefit mining companies and other polluters. Please don't put the needs of companies above the needs of Minnesotans. This would hurt all of us, particularly Black, Indigenous and people of color and poor communities.	
1036	Steven Ring on behalf of Alice Peterson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	From my immigrant grandparents who settled in Duluth & the 4 generations of family & friends enjoying our MN lakes, there is nothing more important to us - and our economy- than preserving our environment. Especially not endangering it over oil & gas \$\$\$.	
1037	Steven Ring on behalf of Pam Strom	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Given that Minnesota has had significant issues with years of chemicals dumped and leached into our water and taxpayers end up truly footing the full costs: medical expenses, loss of productivity; clean up; years of denial. The abuse by corporate dumping is the greatest corporate welfare. We must stop financially sponsoring the wealthy. The point of the EPA is to protect us.	

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1038	Steven Ring on behalf of Tashia Nilo	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	God is watching you.	
1039	Steven Ring on behalf of Gretta Cram	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Growing up in Minnesota, my sisters and I were able to enjoy the biggest benefits of living in Minnesota, which is our lakes and rivers. Swimming, fishing, boating, etc. are a major part of most Minnesotans life. Even now as a mother our lakes and rivers are much changed since I was a child. It hurts to know my children aren't able to know the clear clean water I was able to enjoy. The water in nearby lakes and in the Crow river are dirty, polluted, actually green and it is impossible for my children to believe when I tell them that when I was young you could see your own feet through the water when all they can see while swimming is the dark sheen on the water surface. Please don't loosen regulations, you have to know that if anything we need more advocacy to save our way of life in Minnesota.	
1040	Steven Ring on behalf of Valerie Eastland	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Having clean lakes and rivers is what improves quality of life for people who live in Minnesota. It is so important to protect it!	
1041	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Mertesdorf	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Having lived in Minnesota my entire life and swimming in clean lakes, canoeing clean rivers, and eating freshly caught fish, I cannot imagine having these experiences available to future generations. Please protect our waters!	
1042	Steven Ring on behalf of Rosemarie Jenkins	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	High degree of Water quality is crucial and ought to be maintained and improved upon. Thank you.	
1043	Steven Ring on behalf of Alyssa Ness	Comments generally opposing the	History has often shown the value of strong regulations in protecting the health, essential resources, and safety of humans, environment, and wildlife. Minnesota has often prided itself on the environmental improvements made since the 1970s. Let?s keep	

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		proposed rule amendments	pressing forward and improving our protections of the lands and waters that are our solemn and joyful responsibility to steward.	
1044	Steven Ring on behalf of David Bridges	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	History will look back at these times and look at the impact of our decisions. Less potential pollution will benefit everyones future.	
1045	Steven Ring on behalf of Sandi Krueger	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	How is it that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency doesn't care to protect us from pollution ? We are Tourism not the Iron Range ! Why does the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency not Help Us ? Please find a healthy balance and not just a polluting take-over and destruction.	
1046	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Blitzer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I absolutely count on our pollution control agency to be enforcing strong standards that keep pollution out of our waters. I'm so worried about MPCA weakening our tools to keep water clean. Regulation works. Industry can work within the rules we give them to protect human and environmental health. The PCA should not be bowing to industry pressure, but instead working for human and environmental health as their mission states. The reason to make these changes is to make it easier to grant permits, not protect the environment. This is not a valid reason to change the rules.	
1047	Steven Ring on behalf of Katherine Holmes	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I agree with the Sierra Club's findings concerning Minnesota water quality. Water is a priority resource and vital while other resources, some that cannot be necessary in the future, are being diminished by industry. To sacrifice water for a resource that runs out and can't be recycled is wasteful.	
1048	Steven Ring on behalf of Ruth Grant	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am a 72 year old Minnesota native. In these 72 years one of my greatest joys has been enjoying the many pristine waters here. Whether it's canoeing in the BWCA, going to camps as a kid and now enjoying the family lake place on the Whitefish chain and especially now, sharing all those good times with my grandkids,, the third generation. Please save our waters! they are a lot of what makes our state special.	

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1049	Steven Ring on behalf of Paula Everett	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I AM A CONSTITUENT. ALL OF THE AQUATIC LIFE AND PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE CLASS 2 WATER AND NEEDS TO STAY THERE. THE STANDARDS	
1050	Steven Ring on behalf of Kaelyn Williams	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am a Duluthian, where we are all living on native land territories, who lives where I do not only for the wonderful people and community, but for our connection to the water. It is alarming and saddening to me to hear of more standards being cut loose which will eventually be environmentally degrading and devastating to not only all of the surrounding ecosystems, but all of us humans who live and rely on the clean water for survival. It is my source of drinking water each day, along with many others who live here. It is also a place of pure beauty in a landscape of the largest currently relatively clean freshwater in the world. Please do not allow it to be contaminated more. It is our moral and ethical responsibility to keep the watersheds clean for future generations to enjoy as we currently have the luxury to do so. I hope I can trust I will see it stay this	
1051	Steven Ring on behalf of Unattributed	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am a fly fisherman and water quality is essential to sustain any fishery. I have seen first hand how water quality affects the fishing.	
1052	Steven Ring on behalf of Erika Aschmann	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am a water conservation professional with 11 years experience at East Bay Municipal Utility District, that provides water to 1.2 million people and wastewater treatment for 650,000 people. The importance of maintaining water quality standards in our lakes and rivers is immeasurable. Water is life. If water quality is compromised, so is our health and the health of generations that follow us, and all the life that depends on water for life. There are substantial energy costs associated with treating and distributing clean water and once water supplies are degraded it is not cheap or easy to repair the damage. Do not let that happen in Minnesota. Water is too precious to waste.	

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1053	Steven Ring on behalf of Candace Gouze	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am appalled that we even have to comment on this. It should be a ?no-brainer? that the quality of our waters are protected as much as possible. It?s a matter of our health and livelihood. Moreover, it?s the right thing to do. We are the land of 10,000 lakes, not toxin basins!	
1054	Steven Ring on behalf of Julie Neraas	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am concerned about the proposed changes that will weaken Minnesota's water quality, including doing away with numeric pollution limits. We are at a critical moment for our planet, and this would take us backwards. It would benefit mining companies among others. I strongly request that you make choices that will keep strong standard for water in our state.	
1055	Steven Ring on behalf of Pamela Mcgrann	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am disappointed that there are efforts to reverse the gains we have made in water quality in the past 40 years.	
1056	Steven Ring on behalf of Katherine Dahlin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am from a family of iron ore miners. Precious metal mining is not the same as iron ore mining. Extraction of copper etc. can wait. Future generations can mine it when better methods do not risk water pollution. Northern MN & BWCA has great tourism prospects - don't risk it.	
1057	Steven Ring on behalf of Pat Pardun	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am looking for some leadership from you on this. MN, with it's 10,000 lakes ought to be a leader in protecting water quality for the nation. Thanks for your consideration of my views. Stay Safe and Be Well, -Pat Pardun Marine on St. Croix, MN	
1058	Steven Ring on behalf of Terri Dugan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I am old enough to remember when Lake Erie caught on fire from all the pollution. Nothing can live without clean water. We can not allow greed to destroy our planet. We should be tightening pollution controls for land, water, and air. There is no point in having mining jobs if the area becomes unlivable. Creating more clean energy options, wind, solar, geothermal, etc would create more jobs that don't pollute.	
1059	Steven Ring on behalf of Rita Ayers	Comments generally opposing the	I am so worried that future generations will be saddled with the dire results of our negligence in caring for the environment. This is one way in which you can protect it! Thank you!	

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1060	Steven Ring on behalf of Hugh Curtler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I appreciate your time and consideration.	
1061	Steven Ring on behalf of Andre Hessini	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I appreciate your work in reviewing this case and making the decision that is best for all Minnesotans, future generations, and our planet.	
1062	Steven Ring on behalf of Jennifer Therkilsen-Gebhard	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I can't believe that any group would want to lessen water quality standards unless it is to benefit some corporate bottom line. Our water is a precious resource, not to be wasted, spoiled or ruined for human greed and gain. Rather it needs protection for all of life - human, soil, plant and animal. This is so critically important. Water is life. I volunteer raising money to help fund water points around the world through World Vision. We play a small part in working toward a global initiative of making clean water accessible to within a 15 minute walk of every person every where on the earth. How foolish we would be to lessen our standards for Minnesota's clean water sources!	
1063	Steven Ring on behalf of Susu Jeffrey	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I can't swim in my neighborhood lake, Cedar Lake, anymore. Development has killed my swimming lake. You'd think living in the City of Lakes I could swim in a lake but no--only a pool is safe for me and my neighbors. Water bodies should be more than scenery.	
1064	Steven Ring on behalf of Eva Mastbaum-Wensing	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I do not believe that at this point in human and global history we can afford to change rules to allow parties that make money of polluting water, air or any of our natural resources to get away without having to take responsibility of cleaning up, or finding new ways of conducting their business in an environmentally friendly way. Water is one of the most valuable resources on our planet, it sustains all life, and if anything, we need to take more care of it, not less.	

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1065	Steven Ring on behalf of Elizabeth Wagner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I don't think that weakening the water quality standards are the way to go forward in Minnesota! I would hope that in these most important times that PROTECTING our environment and water would be the TOP PRIORITY in Minnesota!! I was born and raised in Cloquet Minnesota and spent many days throughout the years enjoying our Great Lake Superior and smaller lakes!! I truly believe that our environment, lakes, and waterways are of utmost to future generations of Minnesotans.	
1066	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Hooley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I feel that it is our responsibility to protect our water --to ourselves and to future Minnesotans.	
1067	Steven Ring on behalf of Sandi Likely	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I grew up in Duluth enjoying the best tasting water in the world. I have taken dozens of BWCA trips. Risking permanent damage to these precious resources is unconscionable for the world's future. Keep strong environmental protection standards so future generations may enjoy the Minnesota that we have. Clean water is precious and rare in many places. Keep it that way	
1068	Steven Ring on behalf of Thomas Rotramel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I grew up in MN (now 73). Access to clean and clear recreational waters has always been a great joy and subject of pride when visited by cousins from out of state. Please keep this great asset pristine for future generations. Thank you.	
1069	Steven Ring on behalf of Anne Smit	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I grew up on a lake in Central Minnesota, and have always felt that one of Minnesota's great strengths is the care it has taken to protect one of its greatest resources - its water sources. I now live right near the Mississippi in SE MN, and walk along that great river almost every day. Please do not weaken the water quality standards in Minnesota. They are one of the things which make this state great - the land of 10,000 lakes, the state which contains the Headwaters of the Mississippi, and the state whose northern borders include the Boundary Waters and beautiful Lake Superior!	
1070	Steven Ring on behalf of Laurie Latimer	Comments generally opposing the	I grew up on the edge of the Boundary Waters. Minnesota needs strong standards for clean water. Please protect our water, aquatic life, wildlife and human life.	

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1071	Steven Ring on behalf of Sue O'Brien	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I have chosen to retire in MN because I love being outdoors. Spending time outdoors improves my quality of life, as it does for others. Numerous small businesses have enjoyed success by contributing to our outdoor experiences. Please don't spoil our MN by prioritizing the profits of polluting big businesses, and I strongly oppose lining the pockets of other country's big businesses while polluting our beautiful area. Also, I love getting my CLEAN water out of my water tap!!! Thank you!	
1072	Steven Ring on behalf of Dale Ladig	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I have lived in Bemidji, MN since 1978. i came to the area for the out of doors opportunities it provides and to just be in the clean area after having grown up in Detroit, MN. I worked at Bemidji State University my entire career. The University and it's staff prides itself on its sustainability programs and actions. I am proud to have spend my career there and wish to see nothing compromised regarding the quality of the outdoor experiens and within the outdoor sustainability and culture.	
1073	Steven Ring on behalf of Elaine Leach	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I have personally worked with my lake community to respond to MPCA information on impaired water in our lake. I know other lake associations have done likewise. Do not change or weaken MPCA standards at all. We the people of Minnesota support progressive & protective standards, not weakened ones. MPCA , please listen to your people.	
1074	Steven Ring on behalf of Jose Fresco	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I have spent every summer with my children in the BWCA. It is a place that doesn't compare with anything in this world. We need to protect it. We need to preserve it. We need to have it there for future generations. If we don't, it would be a disaster just like the Aral Sea in Russia, or Lake Poopo in Bolivia, and so on. We need to leave this earth to our children in a better shape that it was when it was given to us, instead of a worse shape. Thank you for your time, consideration and understanding.	
1075	Steven Ring on behalf of Vicky Ruppenthal Stachura	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I have trusted the MPCA to maintain our good water quality in MN. Now I feel that trust is being betrayed. Short cuts and gradual subverting of standards is unacceptable and will undermine our environment. Please help us maintain strong standards for clean water state wide.	



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1076	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Robinson-Denbow	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I implore you and others in the courts to think long term regarding the health and safety of Minnesota and US citizens. Clean air and water are vital. Health above power and money, please. When will we realize that jobs are in direct correlation with clean energy expansion. My husband died of cancer. Without health, we have nothing.	
1077	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Gray	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I like live on the Root River, am concerned about all our lakes and Rivers. Susan	
1078	Steven Ring on behalf of Neva Kueffer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live a short distance from the Mississippi headwaters and have visited the BWCA and numerous other bodies of water that are in our beautiful state. I live on a large lake. I feel by lowering these standards that keep our aquatic life and recreational opportunities would greatly impact all of these areas I hold dear to me. Please listen to the citizens of this state and not the big industries that may not see our waters in the same light!	
1079	Steven Ring on behalf of Valerie Leuck	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live by Lake Harriet and we were told tasty OUT odthewaterseveraltimes this past summer.Please strengthenorpollution controls and stop worrying who will fund your next re-election campaign. Thank you	
1080	Steven Ring on behalf of Pamela Kelsey	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live in Bemidji where we are surrounded by lakes, rivers, streams, wet lands. I heard about this via The Timber Jay newspaper in Ely. Why on earth would you do this now when our planet is struggling? Life begins at the very local level of water quality. We should be demanding higher, not lower standards.	
1081	Steven Ring on behalf of Ruth Katz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live in rural St. Louis County and our water source is our personal well. We have the water tested regularly and it is currently potable. Minnesota cannot afford to pollute the drinking water of its citizens, its wildlife and its plants living in the state. Once the water is compromised, we can't go backwards. I never want to have to drink bottled water because the agency that is designed to protect my drinking water decided not to do it's job thoroughly and responsibly. I ask the MPCA to look at the big picture, the full picture of the implications of it's decisions. These decisions affect	

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			the daily lives of Minnesota's citizens in addition to whatever industries want to be developed in environmentally sensitive areas. Please consider my comments and situation as you make your decisions.	
1082	Steven Ring on behalf of Julie Nelson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live near the St Croix River and enjoy the beautiful sight every day. Clean water is important to me, my neighbors, the community. A clean waterway is beneficial in many different ways for humans and the planet. Please protect our waters by turning down the deregulation. Thank you	
1083	Steven Ring on behalf of Deb Rogers	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live on a pristine lake in Hubbard County. We have already been extremely dismayed to have the Line 3 pipeline going in right next to our lake! Please don't put our lake at more risk. The new rules you are considering would put our lake and nearby rivers in danger of more pollution as well as all MN waters.	
1084	Steven Ring on behalf of Penny and Rodger Cragun	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I live on the shore of Lake Superior and value it and all the lakes and rivers in Minnesota. Please do not weaken Minnesota's water quality standards.	
1085	Steven Ring on behalf of Karensa Short	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I love Minnesota too much to see it being polluted. As a Natural Resource Scientist, I am saying NO to weakening water quality standards. I want my kids to enjoy the same beautiful Minnesota lakes that I did growing up! Our environment has suffered too much at the hands of corporations. I hope Minnesota makes the right choice understanding how important our lakes are!	
1086	Steven Ring on behalf of Terry Rossi	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I moved back to this great state twenty years ago, after being born and raised here. Working in the Public Health field, I want to be assured that our state oversight functions do all they can to provide the highest level of sustainability for our wildlife, and the environment, and for everyone, both on land and on water. We need your committment to that. Terry Rossi, MPH, Excelsior, MN	

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1087	Steven Ring on behalf of Ellie Krahn	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I read an article by Stephanie Hemphill in Agate magazine (Feb. 13, 2021) that had responses from MN environmental activists, MN Tribal leaders, and a retired MN DNR and MPCA engineer about proposed changes. Have you read this article? You should. These people are boots on the ground experts. Please, thoughtfully consider what they have to share. Water is essential to life, all life, and for that reason must be preserved. Please consider what I have to say, a Minnesotan who lives two blocks from a lake contaminated by 3M chemicals. Thank you for your time. Eleanor Krahn	
1088	Steven Ring on behalf of Holly Windle	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I remember polluted lakes and rivers in the days before the Clean Water Act. We have so much science to help us now that there should be no excuse for pollution. (Pandering to mining or other corporate bottom lines is NOT a valid motivation.)	
1089	Steven Ring on behalf of Duane Heil	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I understand New Jobs is what everyone wants, but it should not be at the expense of our water and air quality. Precious metals mining should not be allowed atoll in northern Minnesota, in my opinion, for resends that are obvious to most people who care about Minnesota's environment.	
1090	Steven Ring on behalf of Steve Garfield	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I wholeheartedly disapprove of the proposed changes as they would result in more pollution in our precious lakes and rivers. Doing something to save the MPCA time or because other states do it that way does not make it right for Minnesota.	
1091	Steven Ring on behalf of Joseph Rojas	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	I've spent my entire life in Minnesota and I'm 24 years old. I worry often that my peers and I, and especially our children, won't have access to the same Boundary Waters and Lake Superior we did. These are natural wonders of our start and they're the foundation of cultures, communities, and livelihoods. We need to do absolutely everything we can to preserve them. Mining and fossil fuels are on the decline while greener industries are growing. During these last years of these industries we need to have strong regulations to mitigate their negative effects until our infrastructure is prepared to get rid of them entirely.	

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1092	Steven Ring on behalf of Janice Hallman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If anything water quality standards should be strengthened.	
1093	Steven Ring on behalf of Kate Crowley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If anything we should be strengthening our laws and regulations regarding our water resources.	
1094	Steven Ring on behalf of Kelly Nelson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If anything, the water quality standards need to increase to keep all aquatic life, wildlife and humans safe by protecting and keeping our waters clean. Thank you.	
1095	Steven Ring on behalf of Katherine Widin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If enacted, the new water quality standard rules would put the Boundary Waters and Lake Superior and other lakes and rivers across the state in danger of more pollution.	
1096	Steven Ring on behalf of Donald Pederson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If standards are to be changed - make them stronger. There are lots of things we could use less of or even do without, clean water is not one!	
1097	Steven Ring on behalf of Thomas Probst	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If the MPCA won't protect the waters of Minnesota, who will? Please send them back to to do their job. Thank you.	
1098	Steven Ring on behalf of Tim Bardell	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	If we add pollutants to water it will harm us - eventually. We alter the environment at our peril. A few profit, but we all pay the cost. How many times do we have to learn this lesson before we change our ways?	

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1099	Steven Ring on behalf of Shirley Sailors	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	In this time of increasing environmental degradation, we need stronger standards to protect our Minnesota water quality, not weaker ones as these proposed changes would create. Minnesotans support protecting the precious resource of our water for the long-term use of our residents, not the short-term benefit of corporations.	
1100	Steven Ring on behalf of John Wheeler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is almost always eventually a bad thing to harm the environment, but it is even worse when our climate and way of life are in peril. We should make it a key principle to require proof of safety before authorizing and developing new extractive activities.	
1101	Steven Ring on behalf of Larry Margolis	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is bad policy to weaken standards related to water. We should be making policies that insure that our water quality will be protected for the future of all of us.	
1102	Steven Ring on behalf of Brenda Walstrom	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is bad policy to weaken standards related to water. We should be making policies that insure that our water quality will be protected for the future of all of us.	
1103	Steven Ring on behalf of James Herther	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is easier to prevent pollution than it is to clean it up later.	
1104	Steven Ring on behalf of Alex Carroll	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is essential to protect our water quality in MN. Once pollutants have entered the water, they are much harder to remove. Please keep our MN waters safe for humans and ecosystems by retaining the numeric standards so that water quality legislation can be enforced.	
1105	Steven Ring on behalf of Kalea Nelson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is important to protect the environment around us not just to be good stewards but also for the health of everyone in the world. If we allow for weaker standards, we will be allowing for higher pollution that will effect everyone surrounding.	

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1106	Steven Ring on behalf of Cheryl Fox	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is important to strengthen not weaken our water quality. This is for our Grandchildren.	
1107	Steven Ring on behalf of R Limoges	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is now that the most crucial decisions are being made regarding all aspects of environment. Clean water MUST be protected at all costs.	
1108	Steven Ring on behalf of James Achter	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is simply unbelievable to me that the MPCA could even consider anything that may lessen our water quality standards. This must not be allowed.	
1109	Steven Ring on behalf of Nora Plesofsky	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is so important that we respect the natural resources that we still have. Industrialization has had very important benefits for human society, but it is time to realize that such industrialization can go too far and become destructive to what humans rely on. That time is now.	
1110	Steven Ring on behalf of Timothy Sweeney	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is so important to protect our water, it is the most important resource we have. I oppose any changes to the water quality.	
1111	Steven Ring on behalf of Jackie Smolen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is time to put people's health and safety before big business. Make the MPCA protect people not companies. If we are to survive on this planet we must stop doing business as usual and change our priorities. Our Babies' lives depend on it	
1112	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard Pelto	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It is very important that you safeguard air and water standards in Minnesota.	

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1113	Steven Ring on behalf of Diana Hoyt	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It would be a shame to lower these standards. We should leave this world for our children as clean as we found it and not make them clean up after our greed.	
1114	Steven Ring on behalf of Pamela Novotny	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It's time to accept that we are running out of time. Our paradigm must change; vulgar, myopic greed is no acceptable.	
1115	Steven Ring on behalf of Mike Harrington	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It's up to you! Please do the right thing!	
1116	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia Bauer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	It's vitally important that we maintain our clean water. Please vote accordingly!	
1117	Steven Ring on behalf of Marcia Gustafson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Just the thought of weakening water standards anywhere in this country appalls me. I moved back to my home state of Minnesota in late 2019 from Vermont where I retired from the Environmental Health Division of the Vermont Department of Health. Vermont was fighting blue-green algae in wonderful Lake Champlain as well as in other lakes throughout the state. Now back in Minnesota, I find that people in the state seem to be a bit cavalier about water perhaps because it is the state of more than 10,000 lakes. That's the only way I can make sense when the state's pollution control agency is proposing changes that would weaken water quality standards. Water is essential to life. In the midst of a climate crisis, unpolluted water is even more precious. There may be rule changes that do not threaten water quality but any changes that weaken the water quality standards should not be enacted.	
1118	Steven Ring on behalf of Jerry Lee	Comments generally opposing the	Keep our water clean and healthy. Do not let the mining companies and others destroy the things we in Minnesota are proudest of and are essential!!	

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1119	Steven Ring on behalf of Jesse Huff-Larson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Keep our water CLEAN!	
1120	Steven Ring on behalf of Bethany Collins	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Lake swimmming my favorite summer activity.	
1121	Steven Ring on behalf of Mark Peil	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Lake Vermilion has put up with mine pollution for decades of tailings basin leakage. its time to stop this. thanks	
1122	Steven Ring on behalf of William 'Skip' Dykoski	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Land of 10,000 lakes full of unpolluted, wonderful water.	
1123	Steven Ring on behalf of Alissa Mack	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Let"s keep environmental protection as an asset for Minnesota. Let?s show the rest of the world that we are leaders in water protection! Thank you, Alissa Mack	
1124	Steven Ring on behalf of Diane Tessari	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Let's keep our water clean.	
1125	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Ashley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Life does not survive without water. Nothing should be more important than maintaining water as clean as we can keep it.	



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1126	Steven Ring on behalf of Elizabeth Kelley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Little Rock Lake.	
1127	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia Jenkins	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Maintaining clean water is necessary for our survival!! Copper is not.	
1128	Steven Ring on behalf of Unattributed	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Mining using questionable quality dams and reduced emission-quality standards will not replace clean water in the BWCA, Lake Superior, St Louis River watershed. Where will the damned water go when a retaining basin is breached by extreme weather events?	
1129	Steven Ring on behalf of Barbara and Roy Heinrich	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota contains the headwaters of three watersheds. If we don't protect these sources, who will?	
1130	Steven Ring on behalf of Judy Uebelacker	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota has good drinking water compared to a lot of states. I moved back to Minnesota from Texas because of the water. Please keep our water standard high.	
1131	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Brennan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota has such natural beauty and so much fresh water. But we should not be complacent. We must continue to fight to protect it or we will lose what makes Minnesota special, unique, wonderful. Please protect our water.	
1132	Steven Ring on behalf of Alice Hanson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is a great place to live not only because of our abundant natural resources of water great lakes lakes streams rivers, but the abundant natural habitat it brings. Lowering the standards will also lower the quality of life for everyone for generations to come.	

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1133	Steven Ring on behalf of Janet Ciegler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is famous for the BWCA and other lakes, and maintaining our standards will continue to invite residents and tourists to share in our bounty. Do not go back to the past, but continue to look forward and keep out waterways as pristine as possible.	
1134	Steven Ring on behalf of Steve Kriz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is known for and defined by, clean, fresh water. To lower our standards, even by a little, is a betrayal of future generations.	
1135	Steven Ring on behalf of Wendy Aura	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is known for beautiful lakes, ponds, boundary waters, Lake Superior. I would not want my family to be sick as well as animals in nature from contaminated water. I do not want our state to become another Flint, Michigan because you all are greedy in your endeavours. Then I ask would you let your family swim, drink the water. Put yourself in other people's shoes.	
1136	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Reichel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is known for its beautiful lakes and bountiful wildlife, including birds and fish. Please don't drop the standards for our water...our life.	
1137	Steven Ring on behalf of Donna Bolte	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is known for its clear water and many lakes, or what used to be clear, clean, water. Keeping our environment pristine should be a top priority, not acceding to the wishes of crappy corporate America.	
1138	Steven Ring on behalf of William Haider	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota is the land of 10,000 + many more lakes. This is our heritage and our trust. As Minnesotans we are charged with their protection. Rules that put our heritage at risk for short term gain is a violation of that trust.	
1139	Steven Ring on behalf of Jerry Cleveland	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota probably needs stronger standards for our water resources. We have karst topography that threatens our drinking water due to the rapid infiltration of run-off into the underground streams and wells. A majority of wells have nitrates that are especially harmful to newborns and young children. Over 10,000 sinkholes in the south east part of our state are direct conduit to	

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			underground water reservoirs. Farm chemicals and waste run-off can contaminate our underground and surface waters in a matter of minutes. We need to take better care of our water resources. Do not weaken our standards.	
1140	Steven Ring on behalf of Lewis Beccone	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota residents and the state's tourism industry depend upon a rich supply of clean water! Looking down the road water is gold and Minnesota is uniquely situated on a gold mine. Don't waste that resource by enacting & enforcing anything less than the most stringent water quality laws. It's vitally important for the future of the state and it's residents.	
1141	Steven Ring on behalf of William Sulzbach	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota should stand for Clean Water!	
1142	Steven Ring on behalf of Leslie Jones	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesota's waters are one of our treasures- or they should be. Clean water will become even more crucial in the future! Please hold standards high, for all of our sakes. This is a natural resource we should protect, always.	
1143	Steven Ring on behalf of Holley Mccree	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Minnesotans pride ourselves on our clean water!	
1144	Steven Ring on behalf of David Chollar	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MN does better with having clean water!	
1145	Steven Ring on behalf of Hope Esparolini	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MN is all about water: land of 10,000 lakes (and more!). Let's keep them clean and fresh forever and do all we can to keep them healthy for the next generations.	

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1146	Steven Ring on behalf of Suzanne Schmidt	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MN is home to 10,000+ lakes and the headwaters of the Mississippi River. We must be the gatekeepers for protecting these clean waters. We must be the ones to act now to preserve our future.	
1147	Steven Ring on behalf of Paula Laskowski	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MNPCA has morphed into a proponent of mining and industrial special interest groups at the expense of Minnesota's citizens. THIS MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY. Our state's water is our most precious resource. Do the right thing and steer the MNPCA toward the original mission and mandate of its agency by disallowing the proposed changes.	
1148	Steven Ring on behalf of Randy Brown	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MPCA has not distinguished itself with Water Gremlin or PFAS regulation. It's not the stellar group I had once thought it was. Weakening water stds is the last thing it should do as steward of our environment in MN. It's time for it to step and meet the mission it was intended to finally fulfill.	
1149	Steven Ring on behalf of Audrey Kramer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	MPCA: It is your fiduciary duty to protect MN water purity. Once a corporation begins polluting unbridled, then another, then another will follow, etc.. Without clean water we have no life, and that includes human life as well as all organisms. Just say, "No" to	
1150	Steven Ring on behalf of Amy Blumenshine	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	My grandchildren and I are counting on you to protect water that is so essential for life. Your obligation is to steward our resources for future generations. Please do not be derailed in your duty by proponents of short-term profits and unproven techniques for protecting our water.	
1151	Steven Ring on behalf of Ted Davis	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	My grandson deserves to have clean water when he grows up. Please protect all of our waters for future generations!	
1152	Steven Ring on behalf of Brett Smith	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	My grandsons live in MN and will need clean water to stay and enjoy Lives here. Please protect our precious water resources.	

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1153	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Burns	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	My husband and I retired to Duluth in 2006 in order to enjoy the restorative value of paddling in the BWCA and adjacent Quetico. At 75, we're still going strong and have introduced our granddaughters to wilderness canoeing. More and more people have come to value wilderness experiences as a positive way of dealing with stress. I hate the thought that reduced water standards threaten the very natural resources that provide not only valuable habitat for native animals and plants but also restorative experiences for people.	
1154	Steven Ring on behalf of Carl Magle	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	need clean water thats clean thank you	
1155	Steven Ring on behalf of Arlene Eggers	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Never lessen restrictions, some should be made stronger!!	
1156	Steven Ring on behalf of Joan Bindner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	NO deregulation! I think the MPCA needs to be overseen.	
1157	Steven Ring on behalf of Joi Juaire-Darfler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	No more pollution regulations that benefit wealthy corporations at the expense of our planet and living beings!	
1158	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Macpherson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	No need to increase risk and essential to maintain strict protection.	
1159	Steven Ring on behalf of Kathleen Curtis	Comments generally opposing the	No one has any right to mess up our water!	

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1160	Steven Ring on behalf of Connie Grundhofer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Non polluted water is essential to life. Our standards need to be high. Thank you.	
1161	Steven Ring on behalf of Lois Nokleby	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Nothing is more sacred to all of us in Minnesota than water. Do the sacred right thing, please.	
1162	Steven Ring on behalf of J Schwendeman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Nothing matters more than clean air and clean water. I beg you, please treat these as inviolable resources. Thank you.	
1163	Steven Ring on behalf of Larry Fonnest	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Now is the time to be strengthening Minnesota's water quality standards not weakening them. Keep the MPCA out of the hip pocket of big business/industry. Please focus on the long-term welfare of Minnesota citizens.	
1164	Steven Ring on behalf of John Fisher-Merritt	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Now is the time to increase, not decrease the safety of Minnesota water.	
1165	Steven Ring on behalf of Michele Angel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Now is the time to STRENGTHEN our protections of the planet and the people and animals who depend on clean water to survive. Please do not undo protections that are in place, think about our future - we are already living on borrowed time due to our ignorance of - or apathy regarding our incredible ability to pollute the entire planet including the oceans. Please do not allow new rules that create more pollution problems to be enacted.	
1166	Steven Ring on behalf of Jo-Ann Sramek	Comments generally opposing the	Now more than ever with beautiful waters being ruined by pollution caused by uncaring persons and climate change, it is vitally important that we do all we can to clean up our waterways	

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		proposed rule amendments	before it is too late. I am asking you to help Minnesotans preserve and protect our precious natural resources.	
1167	Steven Ring on behalf of Suzanne Birch	Comments about mining	OMG-HELP Do not even mine near Minnesota-stay out!	
1168	Steven Ring on behalf of Russ Yttri	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Once degraded these river ecosystems will never be the same. Must we humans spoil every corner of our home.	
1169	Steven Ring on behalf of Debra Dornfield	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	One of the many things I love about Minnesota is the abundance of clean water, both in my home, and when camping. Please protect clean water, and don't allow MPCA to weaken standards (if anything, I believe standards should be higher).	
1170	Steven Ring on behalf of Pamela Dorris	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Only a fool pees in the drinking water. Keep the Great Lakes clean.	
1171	Steven Ring on behalf of Joanne Tromiczak-Neid	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our 10,000+ lakes are a hallmark of Minnesota. Pollution that comes with the weakening of water quality standards will change that. We need continued health of all the natural waters in our State for the sake of the lakes themselves and for the humans who live near them or recreate at them.	
1172	Steven Ring on behalf of Kay Erickson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our Boundary Waters are an incredible GEM that MUST be protected. It's crazy that we have to constantly fight to keep the area pristine.	
1173	Steven Ring on behalf of Karina Waktola	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our MN waters are our best assets and a foundation of our healthy ecosystem and way of life. We must keep them as clean as possible for our residents, our visitors, our wildlife (and fish that we eat), and for our future generations. Thank you.	

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1174	Steven Ring on behalf of Mandy Pochobradsky	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our natural world is being destroyed by our economic greed. With this plan you would destroy our lakes ecosystem and all that we love about the state of Minnesota.	
1175	Steven Ring on behalf of Joi Juaire-Darfler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our rivers and lakes have become so very polluted over the decades since land was tiled and runoff poured into them; for me - and many others- it is heartbreaking to see this.	
1176	Steven Ring on behalf of Shirley Reider	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Our standards needs to be more vigorous not lessened. All of our waterways are currently in jeopardy from many pollutants. Commercial activity should be held to even stricter standards if any thing based upon the history of devastation left behind especially by the mining industry.	
1177	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia Barone	Comments about mining	Our standards needs to be more vigorous not lessened. All of our waterways are currently in jeopardy from many pollutants. Commercial activity should be held to even stricter standards if any thing based upon the history of devastation left behind especially by the mining industry.	
1178	Steven Ring on behalf of Gretchen Meek	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our water is our most precious resource. We must do all in our power to protect it in every way possible, for today and all our tomorrows.	
1179	Steven Ring on behalf of Juliann Rule	Comments about narrative standards	Our water is precious, and we must do everything we can to keep it clean. Water quality standars must not be lowered by dropping the numeric standards. Wetlands are important to me, as we have one on our property; and it is home to so many birds and animals.	
1180	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Bell-Brugger	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Our water is precious. We must protect it against all potential harm. We can't get it back if we destroy it. And if we allow it to be destroyed, we destroy life as well.	
1181	Steven Ring on behalf of Delaney Russell	Comments generally opposing the	Please act in the interests of the people of Minnesota and our children. It is unacceptable to allow companies to further pollute our waters. Please do NOT enact these proposed rules.	



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1182	Steven Ring on behalf of Tim Madsen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please be on the right side of history regarding this decision - which is to err on the side of more environmental safeguards, and NOT to make it easy for people or businesses to pollute. Thank you.	
1183	Steven Ring on behalf of Peggy The	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not allow the MPCA to slide into the "Minnesota Profits Complicit Agency". I have been watching in terror of any moves away from protecting our water and our environment. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And often there's no cure. We only have one earth. We need the MPCA to be there to protect it.	
1184	Steven Ring on behalf of Thomas Carey	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not change our very good water standards	
1185	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Posl	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not change our water standards. It matters to the future of all life in Minnesota.	
1186	Steven Ring on behalf of Charles Thiele	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not help to take steps backward in the struggle for a sustainable environment. More pollution results i more costs and troubles in the long run.	
1187	Steven Ring on behalf of Hari Hara Kumar V	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not let short-term corporate gains damage our ecosystem, and world.	
1188	Steven Ring on behalf of Wendy Ward	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not loosen or minimize water standards. Water is life	

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1189	Steven Ring on behalf of D Lynch	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not lower our water standards!	
1190	Steven Ring on behalf of Shirley Rian	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not make lower quality standard changes to our water. Thank you	
1191	Steven Ring on behalf of Chanel Townsend	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please do not make these changes to the current rules. Me and my family want clean water and for Minnesota to have high standards.	
1192	Steven Ring on behalf of Michael Sand	Comments about mining	Please do not weaken Minnesota water quality standards so that mining companies and other polluters could benefit from deregulation.	
1193	Steven Ring on behalf of Norman Herron	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken Minnesota's water quality standards. We must keep in mind aquatic life, wildlife and clean water. Mother Earth depends on our cooperation to maintain a livable and high quality environment.	
1194	Steven Ring on behalf of Marcia Sochacki	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken MN quality water standards. Our very lives depend on clean, safe water. We cannot survive without water. Please do not reverse our clean water standards.	
1195	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Schwanekamp	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken our protections for clean water, which is a basic necessity for all life. Companies are not more important than people. Please protect our water and our life - not endanger it by failing to protect it.	
1196	Steven Ring on behalf of James Kathleen Maggi	Comments suggesting that the proposed	Please do not weaken the class 3 and 4 water quality standards. We need if this change happens, it will not only threaten water quality but also aquatic life, wildlife and habitat degradation. Do not put the needs of companies before the needs of the people!	

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		rules would weaken WQS		
1197	Steven Ring on behalf of Ramona Moeller	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken the regulations that protect our water here in Minnesota. We are so fortunate to have wonderful lakes and sources of water and we need to continue to protect the quality of water for ourselves and generations to come.	
1198	Steven Ring on behalf of Gary Duggleby	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	PLEASE do not weaken water quality standards. Our environment is sick and weak. All LIFE is too vulnerable.	
1199	Steven Ring on behalf of Connie Marken	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken water standards in Minnesota. We need to keep our water as clean as possible for our children and future generations.	
1200	Steven Ring on behalf of Mark Hodapp	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please do not weaken water standards. I hope you will begin to see that water is this states most valuable resource. Don?t kill the goose that lays the golden egg.	
1201	Steven Ring on behalf of Craig Christenson	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please don't change the standard.	
1202	Steven Ring on behalf of Randy Lloyd	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please don't weaken water quality standards.	
1203	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Partin	Comments generally opposing the	Please don't let corporate greed destroy our most precious resource.	

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1204	Steven Ring on behalf of Dean Gamradt	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please don't weaken Minnesota's pollution control regulations.	
1205	Steven Ring on behalf of Joyce Blomquist	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please don't weaken water quality standards.	
1206	Steven Ring on behalf of Bradley Rueter	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please enact laws to reduce the amount of pollutants allowed into our atmosphere and environment. Thank you! Bradley	
1207	Steven Ring on behalf of Laurie Skelly	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please force our MPCA to STRENGTHEN, not weaken our water quality. Many thanks.	
1208	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard Paal	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please help keep Minnesota's water clean for all users and wild life.	
1209	Steven Ring on behalf of Hassan Elmenyaw	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please increase water standards, do not decrease them. This is about people's right to health and right to well-being. I kindly ask you to reconsider and make changes to strengthen standards. Thanks for your time and kind attention. all best, Hassan Abdel Salam	
1210	Steven Ring on behalf of Vicki Petersen	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Please keep Minnesota's water quality standards high. Protect our environment, our quality of life and MN recreation areas. Please do not deregulate water standards, do not allow pollution standards to enable polluters to endanger water quality in Minnesota. We need	

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			stronger protections in many areas not weaker. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Vicki Petersen, Mankato, MN	
1211	Steven Ring on behalf of Charmaine Stillwell	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please keep our water clean. We need this for good health -not just for people but animals, our food, and our planet. We do not need more pollutants in our water. Thank you	
1212	Steven Ring on behalf of Jim Adams	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please keep our water quality standards strong. Listen to the Citizen advisory group that resigned because the PCA was considering weakening our water standards thank you.	
1213	Steven Ring on behalf of Linda Ruddle	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please keep our water quality standards that support clean, safe and healthy water that benefits our environment and the public health of our state.	
1214	Steven Ring on behalf of Briana Anderson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please keep our water, our wildlife, our lifeblood safe.	
1215	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Boughner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please keep our waters clean!	
1216	Steven Ring on behalf of Martha Meierotto	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please maintain or strengthen water quality standards for the benefit of our future generations.	
1217	Steven Ring on behalf of Wendy Fassett	Comments generally opposing the	Please protect Minnesota's most precious resource - clean fresh water!	

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1218	Steven Ring on behalf of Bridget Smith	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect Minnesota's most treasured assets: our lakes and waterways for future generations to come.	
1219	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Lowry	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect our lakes & rivers by upholding the water quality standards that help to make MN a great state!	
1220	Steven Ring on behalf of Dennis Murnyak	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect our water for us and future generations	
1221	Steven Ring on behalf of Erik and Dee Voldal	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect our water quality, for us and future generations of Minnesotans	
1222	Steven Ring on behalf of Julia Kloehn	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect precious clean water!	
1223	Steven Ring on behalf of Melissa Bletsian	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect the quality of our water and ensure the well being of our grandchildren.	
1224	Steven Ring on behalf of Saleen Tennis	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please protect the water for us and our future. We need to not live for me now bus for us forever .	

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1225	Steven Ring on behalf of Kim Cecil	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please put the health of the people of Minnesota over Corporations. Please protect our water for our grandchildren.	
1226	Steven Ring on behalf of Terrence Wagner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please recognize the obvious importance of this and be brave as you while you honor the very real privilege/duty you have sworn to uphold as an author of law that reflects the will/reason of the citizens.	
1227	Steven Ring on behalf of Rubin Latz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please remember: Water Is Life. Thank you!	
1228	Steven Ring on behalf of Kari Hartwig	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please rule in favor of people and not corporations.	
1229	Steven Ring on behalf of Clara Ueland	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please side with Minnesotans, future generations and wildlife by protecting, not destroying, our water quality	
1230	Steven Ring on behalf of Greg Thompson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please side with the people who love Minnesota and it's environment, not the sociopathic mining companies.	
1231	Steven Ring on behalf of Lydia Morken	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please uphold strong regulations that protect water quality! Public good over corporate profits.	

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1232	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Vlazny	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please uphold these minimum standards until they can be more strongly revised for our children. There are no second chances for our kids	
1233	Steven Ring on behalf of Margaret Thomsen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please use your voice and the power of your position to make the right choices for our future. No amount of economic growth or business success will ever make up for putting clean fresh water at risk	
1234	Steven Ring on behalf of Anca Zamfirescu	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please watch water quality as we know what 3M did to twin city suburbs; also the future is in clean environment not pollution in destruction . Otherwise there is no future!	
1235	Steven Ring on behalf of Irene Ott	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please you do all you can to keep our waters as clean as possible. We don't need to let the quality decrease and become like a developing country	
1236	Steven Ring on behalf of Elizabeth Therkilsen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please! We need strong water protection standards for today's and tomorrow's children!	
1237	Steven Ring on behalf of Tom Plantenberg	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please, keep water quality standards high in Minnesota. Don't weaken water quality standards. Thanks, Tom Plantenberg	
1238	Steven Ring on behalf of Kate Pearson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Please, retain the standards we now have! I'm 74..old enough to remember how we let our waters/rivers deteriorate in the past. Let?s not go backwards but continue our care of our Rescources.	



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1239	Steven Ring on behalf of Diane Hiniker	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Preserving clean water is our responsibility and our gift to future generations	
1240	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol and Al Frechette	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Pristine water is vital to our public health.	
1241	Steven Ring on behalf of Howard Lambert	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Protect our water...!!!	
1242	Steven Ring on behalf of Veronika and Jo Phillips	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Protecting and providing clean water for all creatures and fostering intact and healthy watersheds should be our highest priority in the state of Minnesota. We should protect not destroy the gift of beautiful abundant water our state possesses	
1243	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Weber	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Protecting the Boundary Waters, Lake Superior and all lakes & rivers throughout Minnesota is a huge responsibility. Please do all that is in your power to take this responsibility seriously.	
1244	Steven Ring on behalf of David Hegdahl	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Quit this slide toward polluting industry. These changes weaken our quality standards and endanger us and all future generations!	
1245	Steven Ring on behalf of Sarah Seufert	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Really important to maintain water quality standards!	

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1246	Steven Ring on behalf of Richard Fuller	Comments about mining	Recent studies by the U. of M. show that the water quality of our northern lakes , the same areas where mining is likely to occur and the waters are most nearly pristine, are declining at alarming rates. Tourist and recreation accounts for far more jobs for middle income employees than mining. Our waters must be jealously preserved.	
1247	Steven Ring on behalf of Emmer Griffin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Recent years have amply demonstrated the need to protect our water quality, from the ongoing water crisis in Flint, MN, to the current disaster in Texas. While these may have different root causes, they show that water is deeply essential and should receive strong protection. I worry for my family if Minnesota's current water quality standards are reduced--when the next crisis occurs will my children have access to clean water, or will they too be presented with impossible choices between buying access to clean water or drinking contaminated water?	
1248	Steven Ring on behalf of Charles Chihak	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Sacrificing water quality for decades and perhaps forever, should never be an option that benefits short term economic gain.	
1249	Steven Ring on behalf of Bob Walker	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Since clean water is crucial to life and our state is blessed with water resources please consider the future of our home and children	
1250	Steven Ring on behalf of Lawrence Wiesner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	So many of our rivers are already so polluted one cannot swim in them safely. Are we going back to the era of rivers catching fire? What will we leave our grandchildren?	
1251	Steven Ring on behalf of Paul Hagan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Standards MUST be maintained and enforced to demonstrate the MPCA's and MN Court's commitment to future generations -"Water Quality Promise based in MN LAW." Cite the decades long disaster of Lake Superior and rivers in which the fish are not edible by children and women except once a month due to pollution. Minnesota WILL develop CLEAN energy/resource jobs ONLY if the judge maintains water quality standards enacted by state legislators. Minnesota citizens NEED strong water quality standards	

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			versus a few corporations who WANT weaker standards for the profit of a few. Support the successes like solar manufacturing and clean energy jobs not likely polluting for the benefit of a few. Simple stuff really - like explaining the difference between a Need and a want to a child. We have the experience, technology and great potential to stop repeating the past.	
1252	Steven Ring on behalf of John Ressler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Stop eroding all of the accomplishments that go all the way back to senator Gaylord Nelson concerning clean, safe water for everyone!	
1253	Steven Ring on behalf of Timothy Alvar	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Stop eroding all of the accomplishments that go all the way back to senator Gaylord Nelson concerning clean, safe water for everyone!	
1254	Steven Ring on behalf of Timothy Alvar	Comments about mining	Stop sulfide copper mining in Mn. Stop Pete Stauber's and the other guy's agenda of lies about how sulfide copper mining is safe for Minnesota's watersheds.	
1255	Steven Ring on behalf of Dianne Hudson	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	STRONGER PROTECTIONS for our WATER!	
1256	Steven Ring on behalf of Lee Hickerson	Other	Thank you for considering this point of view.	
1257	Steven Ring on behalf of Renata Warec	Other	Thats truly scary.im hoping that is going to end quickly	
1258	Steven Ring on behalf of Laurence Risser	Comments about mining	The Boundary Waters is a uniquely wild and vulnerable area. The history of sulfide mining is one of leakage, failure of dams, and irreversible devastation. The proximity of mining to downstream runoff all but insures that failure and loss as well as devastation for	

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			native populations. This is no time for concession to mining companies that come to exploit and leave.	
1259	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Weiske	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The earth belongs to us all. Don't let the profit of a few destroy the land for all of us now and generations to come. Please protect our air and water	
1260	Steven Ring on behalf of Mark Johnson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The Earth is losing the quality of it's fresh water. Our water in Minnesota is a valuable resource to protect!	
1261	Steven Ring on behalf of Paulette Horsman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The environment including water quality must be protected for today and future generations.	
1262	Steven Ring on behalf of Lansing Shepard	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The fight for clean water has been long and hard. We can't backtrack on this!	
1263	Steven Ring on behalf of John Wheeler	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The fresh water resources of our state are a legacy we hold in trust for future generations. They are a magnet for tourism as well as a valuable resource in and of itself. Please help us protect them now and in the future.	
1264	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Benson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The health of Minnesotans depends on access to clean water. Please don't weaken any protections for our water, aquatic animals and their habitats.	
1265	Steven Ring on behalf of Deanne Roquet	Comments generally opposing the	The high quality, clean water is invaluable to citizens of Minnesota and others who come to visit our great state. Please do not take any action to weaken the standards and risk our water quality.	

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1266	Steven Ring on behalf of Virginia McBride	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	The highest water quality standards must be the highest priority of our state. this will not happen voluntarily. I urge you -DO NOT weaken Minnesota's water quality standards by changing MN class 3 and class 4 water quality standards.	
1267	Steven Ring on behalf of Bob Tolbert	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The lakes of Minnesota should continue to be our most famous identifying feature. My little log cabin on a forested lake lot is one of my most prized possessions. The lake is crucial	
1268	Steven Ring on behalf of Paul Ryals	Comments about mining	The MPCA is not acting with good faith in protecting the welfare of Minnesota residents, but is pandering to the financial interests of the mining industry. We need to have our water quality protected. Period	
1269	Steven Ring on behalf of John Mckenzie	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The MPCA is supposed to protect our water quality. Please don't let them fail in that duty.	
1270	Steven Ring on behalf of Terry Ford	Other	The Next 7 Generations are counting on us, to make Life Better	
1271	Steven Ring on behalf of Leona Mazzacano	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	The preservation of high water quality standards is a priority for Minnesota. Please help keep this most important resource safe for all of our sakes.	
1272	Steven Ring on behalf of Jillian Dressel	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	The preservation of our environment is absolutely critical to supporting life in our state and this planet. Weakening water quality standards is short-sighted and only serves to line the pockets of those profiting from the mining and other industries this deregulation serves. Yes, jobs are important, but not at all costs.	

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			People having jobs doesn't matter if they don't have safe water to drink.	
1273	Steven Ring on behalf of Ben Mccabe	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	The proposed changes are short sighted. The goal of government should be to ensure our longevity as a species. Individual humans with such short tenures on this planet should not have the ability to inflict this kind of disturbance which will be hard felt by many generations to come. Please reconsider. Thank you, Benjamin R McCabe	
1274	Steven Ring on behalf of Claire O'Connor	Comments about climate change	The situation being forced on us by those motivated only by profit are creating a looming disaster for our climate and planet	
1275	Steven Ring on behalf of Judie Carlson	Other	The situation in Michigan should scare us all into really watching and reviewing any attempt to mess around with our nice, clean, Minnesota water. I would hope that other states would be concerned as well.	
1276	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Hernandez	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	The State of Minnesota used to be a leader in development of environmental protection laws. As Minnesotans, we are blessed with unsurpassed beauty surrounding us and we need to protest it, especially our clean water. Thank you! Mary Joyce	
1277	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Hyllested	Comments on Line 3	The tar sands oil is the bottom grade oil, which none of our refineries want anything to do with. If research it many may oil companies have gone bankrupt in the last 12 years. The Canadian and tar oils will exit the USA on tankers bound for China, with no benefit to the US. It will provide a net of 35 jobs when completed, not worth it considering cost associated with its dismantling	
1278	Steven Ring on behalf of Jon Olson	Other	The water we drink, the air we breathe, and the food we eat can never be too free of pollutants, carcinogens, and other manmade chemicals. Never forget that simple truth, and if you make policy based on that idea, and put incentives in place to achieve those outcomes, you'll be doing what government is supposed to do--look out for the people who elected you.	

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1279	Steven Ring on behalf of Ron Larson	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	The waters of this state are our best asset. It is advised that we don't eat the fish that we take from these waters more than once a month because of the contaminates that they have in them already. We need to clean the water and make the water quality standards more stringent to protect what we have not the other way.	
1280	Steven Ring on behalf of Lisa and Rolf Lund	Other	There is good scientific evidence that clean water, soil and air are not just important for the physical well being of humans, but also for psychological/emotional health. Recent studies have shown the economic benefit from protecting and maintaining pristine natural environments are significant, and are greater than short term gains in employment that may come from despoiling these natural areas by mining and other uses. The plants, insects, and animals that we destroy when we alter their habitats are ultimately part of our future survival. Please act wisely to protect what little natural environment we have left	
1281	Steven Ring on behalf of and Michael Meir	Other	There is more to life, than the all mighty dollar. Wake up and go ENJOY the great out doors.....	
1282	Steven Ring on behalf of Karin Winegar	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	There is no resource more vital than our fresh water. It must be given the highest priority and protection without compromising. There is no restoration once it is polluted.	
1283	Steven Ring on behalf of Cathy Nordstrom	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	There is no such thing as point of withdrawal. All life along our waterways and our lakes utilize the water. As a sportswoman I already can't eat the fish from Lake Pepin and am wary of what I catch in other lakes and waterways in Minnesota. We actually need tougher standards not less. Over the years I have watch our water quality deteriorate. Let's not wind up with water systems like Missouri's Lake Of the Ozarks which is so toxic couldn't swim in or fish while I was visiting my brother	
1284	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Dick	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	These new rules would put the Boundary Waters and Lake Superior, along with many other lakes and rivers across the state, in danger of more pollution. This only benefits mining companies, and other polluters, and does not keep the priority of protecting the	

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			environment as #1. Please help - your attention is greatly appreciated.	
1285	Steven Ring on behalf of Kirsten Henefelt	Other	think before you act	
1286	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Nienaber	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This change is going in the wrong direction. If it wasn't for Sierra Club notification, I would have no idea this was being planned. Where is the transparency?	
1287	Steven Ring on behalf of Thomas Brinkman	Comments about environmental justice	This deregulation would benefit mining companies and other polluters. It is further evidence of the MPCA's slide towards putting the needs of companies above the needs of Minnesotans. This hurts all of us, particularly Black, Indigenous and people of color and poor communities.	
1288	Steven Ring on behalf of Melissa Partin	Other	This is important to me because I want future generations of Minnesotans to enjoy clean water. We need our aquatic and wildlife to thrive to maintain a healthy ecosystem for us all.	
1289	Steven Ring on behalf of Cindy Buschena	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This is so important! Water is life!!!	
1290	Steven Ring on behalf of Donna Sandon	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This is very important to our future health.	
1291	Steven Ring on behalf of Vicki Smith	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This issue is very important to us, since we live on Gull Lake in Brainerd and we don't want to see our Northern Minnesota lakes and streams polluted!	
1292	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan McCarthy	Comments generally opposing the	This issue should matter to everyone. We all want and need clean water- that includes wildlife and humans.	



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1293	Steven Ring on behalf of Dorothy Nichols	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	This matters to me because I have grandchildren who should not have to fear pollution when they want to enjoy the abundance of Minnesota's waterways and lakes. It is so short-sighted to think the change in standards won't have a very deleterious effect on our state	
1294	Steven Ring on behalf of Sharon Coombs	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This motion by the MPCA is INSANE. It should be obvious to anyone who expects there will be a future for our species. Cynics who think we are at the end of our period on this planet are understandable if they want to go extinct as rich as possible. MN agencies shouldn't simply be able to turn their backs on work they don't want to do	
1295	Steven Ring on behalf of Scott Dahlquist	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	This seems to be a major change in response to one sector of the economy rather than considering the good of the whole.	
1296	Steven Ring on behalf of Keith Welshinger	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	To jeopardize our water quality so someone can make a profit is insane	
1297	Steven Ring on behalf of John Harrington	Comments about Class 2 aquatic life uses	Too any of Minnesota's waters fail to attain Class 2 (fishable/swimmable) status, a national goal set for 1983. The proposed changes will make it easier for dischargers to avoid treatment levels needed to reach the 1983 goal. As a long time angler, this is unacceptable to me. We must #DoBetter!	
1298	Steven Ring on behalf of Marilyn theismann	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Two of our children and two grandchildren will continue to live in MN long after we are gone. For their health and for them quality of life in MN we need clean water	
1299	Steven Ring on behalf of Peg McKee	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Undoing damage is harder than stopping it in the first place. We need to keep future generations in not just our minds, but in our hearts. Let's not let selfish and seemingly expedient "solutions" get in the way of doing the right thing.	

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1300	Steven Ring on behalf of Thomas Redding	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	W H Y ? ?	
1301	Steven Ring on behalf of Susan Arnquist	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is a gift	
1302	Steven Ring on behalf of Luann Johnson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is a limited resource, and we are its keeper. As a traveler I was handed bottled water - because the water was not okay to drink. To protect Minnesota water is our responsibility	
1303	Steven Ring on behalf of Gretchen Goodman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is basic to life. The majority of my body weight is water. The dire water situation in Texas and other states now should only reinforce our determination to protect our water quality and supply	
1304	Steven Ring on behalf of Glen Bergstrand	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is considered the most important environmental resource for the future of mankind and the most critical resource presently	
1305	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Ann Capizzo	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is essential for life. Fishing is a good resource for foos for many people. Let's keep it clean! Prevent illness and preserve our resources for living.	
1306	Steven Ring on behalf of Chris Scanlan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is essential for life. No laws or rules should ever be passed or enacted that put water sources of any kind at risk for contamination now and in the future.	

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1307	Steven Ring on behalf of Bonita Schwartz	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is finite and we need to protect it from pollutants. Once water is polluted it takes tons of money and time to return it to its pure form	
1308	Steven Ring on behalf of Marty Lemke	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water Is Life	
1309	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Bronson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life and we are so lucky to live in a state that has an abundance of it. But if it is polluted we can not replace the species that will die and we cannot completely ever get it back to what it was. Please be wise in your choices about our water, plants and creatures. Protect it for all of us and be a good example. Nancy Bronson	
1310	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Margaret Williams	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life for every living thing. Only the highest quality of water can save life on our planet.	
1311	Steven Ring on behalf of Matthew Sand	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	WATER IS LIFE!	
1312	Steven Ring on behalf of Joy Feilen	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life!	
1313	Steven Ring on behalf of Ron Bloch	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life, don't let the fools degrade it	

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1314	Steven Ring on behalf of Paul Kraimer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life, life is precious. Choose clean water, it's a resource we can't live without. Thank you	
1315	Steven Ring on behalf of Elizabeth Chacich	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life	
1316	Steven Ring on behalf of Layla Weide	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life.	
1317	Steven Ring on behalf of John Sand	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water is life. Countries like China want to take tanker loads out of Lake Superior and back to China. States like California want to divert Lake Superiors waters back to the West Coast for irrigation and drinking. These countries and states understand the value of MN's clean water. Why don't we? What is MN going to do when the aquifers dry up? It is short sighted to allow mining pollution to spoil Lake Superior and the BWCAW for metals that could be readily extracted out of landfills. Please keep water standards stringent in MN to protect this life giving natural resource. Future generations of humans and animals will need it.	
1318	Steven Ring on behalf of Bart Bergman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life. I have seen how politics does not work. Please do not ignore keeping Minnesota resilient.	
1319	Steven Ring on behalf of Martha Baxter	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life. Please keep our water as clean as possible! Do NOT change our water standards. Clean water is more important than profit for companies.	

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1320	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Arps Thompson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is LIFE. Put the CONTROL back in the MPCA.	
1321	Steven Ring on behalf of Aaron Brunette	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is life. We should be doing everything possible to protect it	
1322	Steven Ring on behalf of Sarah Stahelin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is Minnesota's greatest resource. I don't understand why we would weaken protections	
1323	Steven Ring on behalf of Megan Saley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is Minnesota's greatest resource. Uphold water quality standards to ensure all Minnesotans can enjoy clean water.	
1324	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Henderson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is not renewable. We must begin to prioritize clean water for now and the future! The Boundry Waters are especially vulnerable. Let's value water more than we value money!	
1325	Steven Ring on behalf of Christine Jenkins	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is one of Minnesota's most precious resources. We must protect this precious resource at all cost!	
1326	Steven Ring on behalf of Delores Dufner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is one of our most precious natural resources. Let's not risk losing its purity out of a short-sighted goal of monetary profit	

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1327	Steven Ring on behalf of Brianna Nelson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is one of our most precious resources and fundamental to our survival. We've seen how water problems have destroyed communities like Flint, Michigan and how Texas is currently struggling with access to clean water, and how Puerto Rico suffered with water quality issues after the hurricanes in 2016. We need to do everything possible to protect and preserve the highest possible quality of water so that our families and communities can retain access to the high quality water that stable civilization requires.	
1328	Steven Ring on behalf of Audrey Kingstrom	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is one of our most precious resources for our health - and for our enjoyment here in Minnesota. Please do not weaken standards for clean water!	
1329	Steven Ring on behalf of Margaret Keating	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is one of the most important resources. MN needs to maintain our clean water and do all we can to clean the water we have that is not clean. This is not the time to reduce regulations. My drinking water comes from the Mississippi River. Please keep our standards in place for clean water.	
1330	Steven Ring on behalf of Lynn Glesne	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is our life!	
1331	Steven Ring on behalf of Neil Hamrin	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is second only to air in importance to humans. We need purity in both to be healthy.	
1332	Steven Ring on behalf of Barry Kay Wolfe	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is so precious! Please do not weaken water standards and please make them stronger! Let MN. be a model state for other states. Not just humans are dependent on clean but all life depends on clean water! Let's not go backwards, please guard our water!	
1333	Steven Ring on behalf of Rose Schneider	Comments generally opposing the	Water is the "elixir of life". No life can exist without it. Having high quality, fresh, untainted water is the utmost importance for healthy human beings (and animals and plants)	

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1334	Steven Ring on behalf of Keith Thompson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is the most precious resource we have. You cannot back down on any protections of this vital resource! We can't live without clean water!	
1335	Steven Ring on behalf of Tommy Markley	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water is the source of life! It should be treated as our most precious resource.	
1336	Steven Ring on behalf of Beth Hart	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water pollution is a major problem in the health of our elderly as well as our small children. Please maintain our standards that are in place	
1337	Steven Ring on behalf of Jerry Fruetel	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water quality has been declining for decades. We need to strengthen, not weaken, water quality standards.	
1338	Steven Ring on behalf of Sherri Knuth	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water quality is of importance to generations. This is a precious resource in our state.	
1339	Steven Ring on behalf of Terrie Walker	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Water quality is part of being a Minnesotan, we live in the land of 10,000 lakes for a reason.	
1340	Steven Ring on behalf of Chuck Steffel	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water Quality is protected once and for all by good standard. Lower standards are the road to ruining clean water qualities that can't be undone.	

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1341	Steven Ring on behalf of Roger Johnson	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water quality is vitally important for good health. Any weakening of water quality standards is not acceptable.	
1342	Steven Ring on behalf of Charles Gallet	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water quality regulations should be strengthened rather than weakening them as the proposed changes to Class 3 and Class 4 would put our water and aquatic life at risk.	
1343	Steven Ring on behalf of Ruthann Grace	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water, clean water, is a quicky diminishing resource. We can't afford any weakening of standards.	
1344	Steven Ring on behalf of Nance Purcell	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Water? the gift of life. All living things depend on clean water. It is essential. Please do not compromise Minnesota water quality standards. Nance Purcell	
1345	Steven Ring on behalf of Brad Blackett	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Waters from rivers and lakes of Northeastern Minnesota feed Lake Superior holding a Quarter of the Worlds fresh water and at the Head of the Great Lakes. Waters from the rest of northern Minnesota serves as Headwaters of the Mighty Mississippi River emptying into the Gulf of Mexico and the Headwaters of the Red River of the North emptying into Churchel Bay Gateway to the Arctic through Hudson Bay; we Minnesotans have the responsibility to at least the People's of the USA and our neighbors to be Stewards of Clean Water originating off our lands and infiltrating into the aquifers below. Action to support this role should be strengthened not weakened.	
1346	Steven Ring on behalf of Nicola Ehman	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We all need water. Keep it SAFE	



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1347	Steven Ring on behalf of Kathryn Treat	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We are destroying our planet at an alarming rate. We cannot survive without water, allowing our natural resources to be knowingly polluted is willfully ignorant and catastrophic to our survival.	
1348	Steven Ring on behalf of Victori Ribeiro	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We are in an unprecedented time of environmental fragility and vulnerability. ALL of our decisions should be made with the conservation of our natural resources as the top priority. I recognize that industry provides jobs and keeps our economy going. We must find balance between maintaining our economy and respecting and preserving our natural resources. One does not matter without the other.	
1349	Steven Ring on behalf of Maurita Bernet	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	wE ARE SOOOO BLESSED re water, the "source of life. TY for every effort you make (&long with everyone!) to preserve it!	
1350	Steven Ring on behalf of Kelly Kirkpatrick	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We can do better. Let's begin now	
1351	Steven Ring on behalf of Carolyn Gravell	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We cannot weaken our clean water laws.	
1352	Steven Ring on behalf of Kathy Lord	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We deserve clean water! I feel very strongly about our natural resources stewardship as humans and taking care of the environment around us.	
1353	Steven Ring on behalf of Donna Kuehn	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We don't need more pollution i our lakes and waterways! We need less especially for our future generations!	

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1354	Steven Ring on behalf of Dortothy Brown	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We don't want dangerous, undrinkable water in Minnesota. Please do not weaken the standards.	
1355	Steven Ring on behalf of Sandra Swami	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We have a responsibility to future generations to leave them a healthy and vibrant planet.	
1356	Steven Ring on behalf of Jean and Joe Crocker	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We have all ready lost decent water quality in the lakes in the southern two thirds on Minnesota. It seems imperative to use to do everything to protect and improve our water quality. The proposed deregulation by the MPCA should be denied. Thank you	
1357	Steven Ring on behalf of Kris Thalhammer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We have seen the disaster faced by the people of Flint, MI, and most of Texas when clean water was no longer available to them. Water is Minnesota's most precious natural resource. Please protect it for future generations.	
1358	Margarte Levin Kelly Schetnan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We know how important our environment is to our world. Please do the right thing!	
1359	Steven Ring on behalf of Laura Meyers	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We literally cannot live without clean water! Maintaining clean water, nay -- improving our water quality -- should be a top priority. Climate change and sustainability of our planet are still the toughest crises we face in the modern age. Please heed the calls of the experts who tell us that our clean water, aquatic life, and not only our enjoyment of these beautiful places but our own sustenance is at risk! Thank you for your time and consideration.	
1360	Steven Ring on behalf of Carl WAnnemacher	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We live on a lake in west central Minnesota and have worked for years to improve the water quality of our chain of lakes on the Otter Tail River. To see that work possibly compromised because of lower standards impacts not only our efforts, but the legacy we hope to pass on to our children.	

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1361	Steven Ring on behalf of Constance Wittek	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We Minnesotans cherish the treasure our state possesses-- an abundance of clean water. Let's keep it safe for the generations that come after us. Thank you.	
1362	Steven Ring on behalf of Edith Dalleska	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We MUST have safe drinking water, everywhere in Minnesota.	
1363	Steven Ring on behalf of Mary Jo Serfin	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We must improve the standards not roll essential. That being essential to all life. Retain the current class of standards.	
1364	Steven Ring on behalf of Melva Lacher	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We must keep our water clean and work on making it cleaner. I've had negative experience with trying to keep our water clean for our God given resources--"City Hall" and "red tape " make it hard to work for the best of our community. We can't let govt ruin what we have--we should be working on making it better	
1365	Steven Ring on behalf of Marilyn Breckenridge	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We must keep the quality of the water in our lakes high and not drop the standard as we are called to care for all creation.	
1366	Steven Ring on behalf of Robert Dodds	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We must leave our descendants a safe natural place to live. We can not accept those dystopian futures in the movies as inevitable.	
1367	Steven Ring on behalf of Kathy Steinhauer	Comments on Line 3	We must stop further construction of Line 3.	
1368	Steven Ring on behalf of James Fuller	Comments on Line 3	We need an investigation of the Public Utilities Commission and a major overhaul of the organization and its membership. It has for a number of years now been nothing more than a tool of the corporations.	

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1369	Steven Ring on behalf of John Fedora	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need clean water for our children and grandchildren. Preventing contamination is most important.	
1370	Steven Ring on behalf of Megan Brennan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need clean water for our health and the health of our environment. Don't damage our precious lakes and rivers just so that corporations can make money at our expense	
1371	Steven Ring on behalf of Nancy Gardner	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need clean water now!	
1372	Steven Ring on behalf of Ray Devogel	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We need improved water quality, not degraded.	
1373	Steven Ring on behalf of Phil Fournier	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	We need more stringent control over the quality of our water not less. In virtually every case in the U.S. corporation's have contaminated our water	
1374	Steven Ring on behalf of Jeff Croonquist	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need safe drinking water now more than ever. Look at what just happened in Texas	
1375	Steven Ring on behalf of James Larson	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need to be doing more to protect water and life, including ours, that depend on clean water for life and health. We humans have poisoned most of the earth's air, water, and land with toxins. It should come as no surprise that we humans cannot be healthy when the food we eat, the air that we breathe, and the water that we drink is polluted with toxins	

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1376	Steven Ring on behalf of Olivia Yoshioka-Maxwell	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need to do everything we can, not only to protect the environment, but to improve its current conditions. Please make decisions that will prioritize the health and safety of people and wildlife rather than the interests of companies. As climate change makes access to clean water an increasingly urgent issue around the world, preserving a clean water supply in Minnesota is more important than ever.	
1377	Steven Ring on behalf of Carol Nagan	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We need to keep our waters pristine. Please keep our water quality up to high standards.	
1378	Steven Ring on behalf of ElizabethCharpie	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We rely on Minnesota's water for many things. Not only us, but nature needs our water to stay clean. Please do not add polluted water to the growing list of crises Minnesotans are currently facing.	
1379	Steven Ring on behalf of Darlene Peltier	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We should be working to make our lakes, streams and rivers cleaner, not the opposite. Clean water standards need to be strong to keep our clean water pristine and to make clean those waters that already have been polluted. Our future depends on clean water preservation	
1380	Steven Ring on behalf of Douglas McPeck	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We should not allow any user to externalize their costs. Take their stuff out before they put the water back into the commons.	
1381	Steven Ring on behalf of Jon Rich	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We want clean water for our grandchildren to drink and play in with no pollution	
1382	Steven Ring on behalf of Shirley Espeland	Comments generally opposing the	We want strong standards for clean water. Please no changes!	

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1383	Steven Ring on behalf of John Royal	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We, need strong standards for all our waters!	
1384	Steven Ring on behalf of George Brust	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Weakening our water quality standards is 180 degrees from where we need to go. Nor is it in line with national policy. Human safety should always be factored first into these decisions.	
1385	Steven Ring on behalf of Doug Petrie	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Weakening water quality rules is unacceptable! You will be known as the judge who created Flint, MI in Minnesota	
1386	Steven Ring on behalf of Madeline Rowe	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Weakening water quality standards is a poor choice that will only harm human populations in the future. We must be forward thinkers and put an end to decisions that don't take future generations into consideration.	
1387	Steven Ring on behalf of Noelle Olson	Other	What about the bees? Everything that harms the bees Harms people. If you don't know how to care for people then perhaps you can care about bees. Please begin to care.	
1388	Steven Ring on behalf of Arvid Sorvari	Other	WHAT another REPUBLICAN?????	
1389	Steven Ring on behalf of Philip Hernick	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	What's more important than water for health? Nothing!	
1390	Steven Ring on behalf of Philip Spensley	Comments generally opposing the	When I was a boy I fished and swam in our rivers and lakes without fear or concern of getting sick from doing so. My grandchildren cannot do so. We need to turn this around and give them, their	

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1391	Steven Ring on behalf of and Cyndi Meyer	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	When people already know what the right thing to do is - and "don't" .. shame on them .. This is wrong .. PLEASE keep MN waters "clean and safe!!"	
1392	Steven Ring on behalf of Julie Miedtke	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Why do we need to fight for clean water? Shouldn't it be a fundamental right for all Minnesotans?	
1393	Steven Ring on behalf of David Hunter	Comments suggesting that the proposed rules would weaken WQS	Why would weakening the standards for water quality ever be a benefit? Never. It only increases the chances that our children will not have the quality of life that we have had.	
1394	Steven Ring on behalf of James Koeing	Comments about wild rice	Wild Rice harvesting has been done in Minnesota a long time before mining has. Sulfer from the mining gets into the waterways of lakes and streams up north.	
1395	Steven Ring on behalf of Denise Coon	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	With increasing population and industry, it is more important than ever to protect the health of our rivers, lakes, and streams, large and small. We should be strengthening these protections, not weakening them. We cannot allow polluters to control our protection agencies. They were created to hold them accountable and to monitor for negligence.	
1396	Steven Ring on behalf of Jill Wagner	Other	With the 10,000 lakes in our state we should have the highest water quality standards in the country	
1397	Steven Ring on behalf of Karen Bohaty	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	With what is going on in Texas right now, we should be strengthening regulations to protect people and the environment, not weakening them.	

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1398	Steven Ring on behalf of Charlotte Svobodny	Comments about Class 1 drinking water	Would you drink water with lower standards?	
1399	Steven Ring on behalf of Irene Bussjaeger	Other	Years back Republicans vowed to" turn Mn into a mini Texas". Minnesota nice seems to be disappearing , replaced with wild west behaviors and corrupt republicans who are against anything pro-nature and people oriented and for increased power and control.	
1400	Steven Ring on behalf of Peter Mattson	Comments about mining	You are here to protect our environment. Mining makes money in the short term and then they declare bankruptcy and we're left with the mess. Do your jobs. Protect our lands and waters. If they're going to pollute they can do it somewhere else. Thank you.	
1401	Steven Ring on behalf of Arnie Roos	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Your agency's name would indicate the intent to control pollution. Keep that in mind. Don't lower water quality standards. Control pollution!	
1402	Steven Ring on behalf of Martha Grace Reese	Other	Your Honor, Please , please do all you can to keep our water pristine. We're already dealing with invasive species. Pristine water draws tourist dollars as well as being the right thing to do!	
1403	Steven Ring on behalf of Patricia L. Feld	Comments about narrative standards	Your Honor,, ?Narrative? water descriptions are NOT as good as ?numeric? ones. The scientists will confirm this, as you probably know	
1404	Steven Ring on behalf of Rosanna Walker	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	Your proposed changes would benefit polluters not the environment and future well being of people.	
1405	Steven Ring on behalf of Rosalie Szekeresh Daniels	Comments generally opposing the proposed rule amendments	We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow from our children. Shame on such Trumpean gold toilet pride. Native American Proverb	