

2014-1 MINNESOTA SULFIDE MINING

Minnesota has a large concentration of sulfide rock containing copper, nickel, and other elements where the ore is proposed to be extracted, processed, and the tailing stockpiled in the area of the mine. The runoff from the process has the potential to destroy large wetlands areas and the local ecosystem. Pollution may last for yet to be determined, but, significant periods of time. (Poly Met SDEIS 200-500 years)

MINNESOTA DIVISION IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA RESOLVES:

The Minnesota Legislature order Minnesota agencies to withhold permits from any sulfide mining operations unless the mining companies demonstrate proven ability to operate and close down their operations without lasting environmental harm beyond the scope of their permits. Any project must have ironclad financial guarantees to protect the local ecology of northern Minnesota from undue damage and protect taxpayers.

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