

Resolution on Sulfide Mining in Minnesota

Take Action! - Participate in your Minnesota precinct caucus

✓ *Bring a Sulfide Mining Resolution to your 2018 Precinct Caucus*

Minnesota's precinct caucuses will be held **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by Minnesota's political parties to begin shaping the party's goals and values, often called the platform and action agenda. Caucuses are held this year on Tuesday February 6th in public locations across Minnesota, are open to the public and participation is encouraged.

You can find information about the caucuses at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website found [HERE](#) and your particular caucus may be found [HERE](#)

What: Pass a caucus resolution at your 2016 Precinct Caucus

When: Tuesday, February 6th, 2016 at 7 pm

Where: Check with the Minnesota Election Caucus Finder (<http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>)

"Prove-it-First" Sulfide Mining Caucus Resolution

WHEREAS, the clear lakes, clean air, and healthy forests and rivers of Minnesota are emblematic of Minnesota and so much a part of what we as Minnesotans love about our state; and,

WHEREAS, sulfide ore mining results in polluted runoff from mine pits and mine wastes for at least 500 years, if not forever; and,

WHEREAS, sulfide ore mining has never been done in a water rich environment without polluting surface and/or groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, sulfide ore mining has created taxpayer liabilities across the country when mining companies go bankrupt, leaving pollution behind; and

WHEREAS, there is no assurance that Minnesota taxpayers will be protected from long term costs of sulfide ore mining; and,

WHEREAS, sulfide mining carries the same boom/bust problems of current mining and diversification of the economy of NE Minnesota into other industries will lead to greater stability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ party finds that copper-nickel sulfide ore mining has unacceptable environmental impacts and should not be allowed in Minnesota until it is proven that similar mines in the US or Canada have operated for at least 10 years and been closed for at least 10 years in a water-rich environment without resulting in acid mine drainage or pollution of surface or ground water.