

Bill Storm

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Dear Bill Storm:

I live in Grand Rapids, MN and am very concerned about the potential impacts of Mesaba Energy on the environment here in Itasca County and the fact Mesaba energy will not be capturing and sequestering CO₂.

The Mesaba Energy DEIS should have an accurate detailed plan for harmless capture of highly concentrated levels of mercury, sulfates and dissolved solids, where and how, and not into our local air, the Canisteo Mine Pit or the Mississippi River. Itasca County is one of the poorer counties in Minnesota, a county where many people depend on fishing and wild game for their food. The health impact of mercury poisoning is perhaps greater here than in many counties. The DEIS should certainly not repeat Excelsior Energy's misleading statements without investigating thoroughly their merit.

Our state government is planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, a plan which requires immediate attention from us all. Why would the DEIS not address the negative health impacts of emissions for local people, for the earth's people?

Thank you for considering my comments.

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