

Rather than address some mythical future pollutants, the anti-mining crowd should attack a real pollution problem that is occurring now and has occurred for at least a decade. The Bad River

Tribe's wastewater treatment plant had 241 violations from 2004-'08. The most in Wisconsin.

They have had 42 E. coli violations in the last five years. Their E. coli emitted has been as high as 5,400% over the maximum allowed. They have had 36 phosphorus violations over the same period. They are still operating without a license. Isn't it strange that the tribal leadership opposes the mine for unproven/mythical pollution reasons? Are they not extreme hypocrites at the least?

Whenever someone enters the Bad River Casino, he is contributing to their pollution and possibly eating or drinking polluted food or water. One thing for sure, they would be breathing their smoke-filled air as the casino allows smoking. It is not a myth or scare that secondhand smoke kills. Does the tribe leadership really care about people's health?

What kind of person would deny the people of the North Woods so many good jobs, and the opportunity for their children and grandchildren to stay in an area they love? Is their hate for Gov. Scott Walker so deep, their environmental activism so radical, their lust for power so great, or their desire to have the North Woods for themselves so selfish?

The people of the North Woods are not prideless public parasites. They do not want to live on government handouts. They want to work hard at good jobs. They will not become Madison's "pet rock."

Let's all get on board and support the mine and the 2,700 good jobs it will create. Let's tell the naysayers to spew their baloney somewhere else.

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