



Tamarack Water Alliance Community Zoom Meeting Wed. May 3, 2023, 10am CT

*Everyone is invited to attend our open community virtual Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 10am CT. This is an opportunity for you to learn about the risks high sulfide mining poses to Minnesota's water, whether it is in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area or in Tamarack, Minnesota. **Join Arne Carlson, former Republican Governor of Minnesota as our presenter who will share his concerns about foreign sulfide mining in our state, and his call to action for all Minnesotans.***

Download Tamarack Water Alliance fact sheets
<https://www.tamarackwateralliance.org/resources.html>

If you believe nickel-sulfide mining is too risky in Aitkin County, Tamarack Water Alliance has yard signs with this messaging available. Your \$6 donation helps defray costs. Email waters@tamarackwateralliance.org to arrange pickup of your sign.

We hope you will share this information with others and keep in touch as we build a community that can protect water and health from the dangers of sulfide mining. Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to sign up for the monthly Tamarack Water Alliance [email newsletter](http://eepurl.com/hOboEb) (<http://eepurl.com/hOboEb>).

Call To Action: Foreign Sulfide Mining in Minnesota by former Gov. Arne Carlson

Regardless of our station in life, we all share in the need for clean air, healthy water, and nutritious food. Today, our water and, ultimately, our food supply are all in very serious jeopardy. Just two mining projects, Tamarack and the New Range Copper

Nickel mines will place the bulk of Minnesota's drinking water at risk and this includes the metro area (Minneapolis and St. Paul).

For instance, the proposed Tamarack Mine operation will affect a number of waters including Big Sandy Lake and a variety of rivers including the Mississippi which services the Twin Cities and an endless number of communities heading south on the river. And the copper mine adjacent to the BWCA directly affects the Rainy River Watershed which encompasses the BWCA and extends from the western part of Lake Superior to Kenora, Ontario through Lake of the Woods.

Aside from all the marvelous hunting, fishing, camping, hiking opportunities that will be at serious risk, we stand to lose Lake Superior which is the world's largest body of fresh surface water and the ultimate reservoir for the upper Midwest.

Now let's quickly review the safety of sulfide mining. Woops! That's an oxymoron. After all, one of the consultants to the DNR referred to the holding bin for the New Range Copper Nickel Mine as a "Hail Mary" and another declared it made him "nauseous". Now that is a ringing endorsement for the protection of our most precious resource.

Sulfide mining has never been environmentally sound near a watery environment or "never - never" as expressed by Walter Mondale. From the best of my non scientific understanding, copper - nickel mining causes the release of sulfuric acid which then releases from the rocks certain acids, toxins, and contaminants into the water and air. Suffice it to say that the results are not healthy for any form of life.

Now, Glencore is making a serious bid to buy Teck Resources in an effort to be the number 1 copper producer in the world. This tells me that they are very, very confident of obtaining the necessary permits. That should frighten everyone because it would mean we are turning over our very lives to a foreign criminal enterprise. Just read below the findings by our own Department of Justice. Read more about this here: <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/glencore-appear-court-us-uk-over-corruption-probe-2022-05-24/>

Money, greed, incumbent protection, short sightedness, and corruption are all at play and the more we diddle the more likely it is that we will all be victims. This is not someone else's battle. This is ours. So please, take ten minutes and email your legislators and Governor Walz and ask them one simple question:.

"Why is the State of Minnesota doing business with Glencore, one of the world's most corrupt companies?"

Please send those emails right now.
Thank you,
Arne

Find your legislators to email them: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>



An Open Letter To The Walz Administration From Former Gov. Arne Carlson

“ For over four years, the Walz administration has refused to answer very basic questions that deal directly with the public’s access to healthy drinking water.

...Why is the state of Minnesota doing business with an international corrupt company such as Glencore, and why is it being permitted to partner with a Canadian mining company in Teck Resources — 10% owned by the China Investment Corporation and possessing a lengthy record of environmental destruction? ...And these two partners are now to be trusted with this state’s most valuable water resources, including Lake Superior, which holds 10% of the world’s fresh surface water?

Where are the state’s standards? Where is the vetting? Where is common sense?”

Minnesota Reformer, February 17, 2023

<https://minnesotareformer.com/2023/02/17/an-open-letter-to-the-walz-administration-from-former-gov-arne-carlson/>

Take It From Me, Minnesota: Steer Clear of Glencore

"I've been learning a lot about the PolyMet proposal to open a copper/sulfide mine in the state of Minnesota since moving here in 2019. What has shocked me is the lack of attention paid to PolyMet's owner, Glencore. As a native Cameroonian, I have a lot of experience with this company, and take it from me: It's not an experience we want in Minnesota..."

Just this month, Glencore paid a \$180 million fine for corruption in the Congo. Last month we learned that 11 former Glencore employees could be under investigation in the UK for bribery in five African countries. Founder Mark Rich admitted to the bribery, including in my native Cameroon, in a case where prosecutors described the flying of cash bribes across the continent in private jets...

Google "Glencore fraud" for an interesting afternoon of reading. The United Steelworkers had it right when they named Glencore the second worst company in the world in 2015...

...People around the world are asking me the same question as they learn of the Glencore/PolyMet proposal, including NJ Ayuk, chair of the African Energy Chambers; and Akere Muna, one of the founding presidents of Transparency International."

Eric Ini, Minnesota Reformer, January 18, 2023

<https://minnesotareformer.com/2023/01/18/take-it-from-me-minnesota-steer-clear-of-glencore/>

Who We Are

Tamarack Water Alliance (tamarackwateralliance.org) is a group of local residents and landowners working together with others from across Minnesota to protect water and community health from the dangers of sulfide mining near our beloved lakes and wild rice beds, at the headwaters of the Kettle River and in the Mississippi River watershed.

A proposal by a foreign owned mining company to mine nickel and other metals near Tamarack in Aitkin County threatens the health of our communities. This kind of sulfide mining, especially in water-rich environments, has never been done without severe impacts to water and the health of those downstream. Mining here is also a threat to environmental justice and the long-term economic security of nearby native and rural

communities.

Review our **community slide presentation**,
(tamarackwateralliance.org/docs/TamarackMineConcerns-Consolidated.pdf).

Download **informative flyers**: (tamarackwateralliance.org/resources.html)

- Talon Mine Risks,
- Geology of Aitkin County,
- High Sulfide Mines Create Acid Mine Drainage,
- Nickel Not Needed for Future EV Batteries,
- Minnesota's Prime Wild Rice Lakes Under Threat,
- Minnesota Regulators Poor Record In Protecting The Environment,
- Eagle Mine Environmental Report & Saving Our Meager Nickel Reserves

We will be sending this monthly newsletter to keep you informed about this project, to share information and opportunities to act, and to invite you to gatherings where you can connect with others who share a passion for clean water and community health.

