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Comments: Dear Mr. Jones,We are in receipt of your email today regarding Stillwater Mine's proposed major amendment(Amendment 014) inviting input from our standpoint.The Commission has had the opportunity to recently tour the mine with a focus on the waste storagecapacity expansion.For decades, Stillwater Mine has provided approximately 1/3 of the tax revenue for Stillwater County.This past year, we have seen a significant decrease stemming from layoffs announced in November 2024.With the proposed expansion extending the mine's operational life up to 42 years, we support this projectwholeheartedly. The financial impact of the mine further curtailing operations due to infrastructuredeficiencies would shift tax burden substantially.Alon8 with the tax revenue issue, the employment and ancillary business opportunities which StillwaterMine provides is critical to the county's population and economic viability.As DEQ is aware, Stillwater Mine has had a stellar track record from an environmental standpoint. TheGood Neighbor Agreement initiated in 2000 between the mine and three local citizen conservation groupsholds mine operations to environmental standards that are stricter than state and federal laws. We areconfident that Stillwater Mine will continue to operate in a manner that honors this agreement.The Board of County Commissioners of Stillwater County fully support the proposed Amendment 014.Thank you for your consideration.Respectfully,Jeff Ruffatto, Steve Riveland, Roger Webb