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Subject: Great Salt Lake selenium standards

I should like to urge the DWQ to apply higher standards to allowable selenium discharges into the Great Salt Lake. The Great Salt Lake's highest and best use is to serve as the anchor for the avian flyway -- not as a conduit for the waste generated by Kennecott Copper. Copper prices are at an all time high -- Kennecott can utilize more expensive technology to clean up its waste, rather than use the public waterways to do so. The copper company is seeking to use the lake as a waste treatment plant.

Consider using the selenium measures in the brine shrimp as a means of measuring this pollutant. There should be no chances taken with one of the more important flyways in the world (and with the shrimp on which the birds depend). The lake is a closed system -- what goes in does not come out. Tolerance for selenium (and other pollutants) should be as close to zero as possible.

Thank you,

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