Comments against a Categorical Exclusion for F3 Gold Newark Drilling Project #63527

- Recent gold exploration projects have had Environmental Assessments, why should this project not have one?
- This not a small project - it could involve nearly 400 drill holes
- This would set new precident for future projects to bypass environmental review.
- The company could use this as a precident if they plan future expansion of the project
- There could be severe impact on local water sources (private wells) to hundreds if not thousands of county residents.
- What are the so called "extraordinary circumstances" that deem this necessary. Is this a national emergency or merely a hurry up grab for $$.
- Is there political pressure being applied? If so why?
- Possibility of downstream water contamination to French Creek.
- Where will water needed for project come from if Custer City refuses to supply if they feel the volume used will impact the city residents?
- Effect on tourism, area could be financially negatively impacted.
- Are there cultural or historical considerations?
- Are there threatened or endangered species issues?

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