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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing this email in concern of the F3 Gold drilling near Custer in the Black Hills. There are a lot of unanswered questions that raise a lot of issues concerning the short and long term effects on the environment in our area. As a citizen of the Hills I worry that impact studies being done won't fully cover all possible factors.

We've seen mining operations cause tainting of groundwater. With many people's homes dependent on well water we must make sure there is zero chance we'll see any possible toxins/carcinogens get introduced.

There is also pause for worry of what might happen if gold isn't found, but other possible minerals are. Will there be transparency to the public in what F3 finds from their test drillings?

Another big concern about the problematic consequences if any environmental clean up is required down the road. I'm sure F3 will have to pay a bond up front, but we've seen multiple times before that even when companies pay money upfront it's not enough to cover clean up costs.

The Black Hills many things. A destination for people around the world to visit. An important piece of history to our Indigenous Americans. It's also home to so many of us that we ought to do our best to protect its future. Please, be diligent and make sure if this moves forward that it is done with absolute care for the land and the people who live here.

Thank you for your time,

Jameson Pfeifle