

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/23/2023 7:00:00 AM

First name: Norman L.

Last name: Brooks

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Comments against a categorical exclusion for F3 Gold Newark Drilling Project #63527- Recent gold exploration projects have had Environmental Assessments, why should the project not have one?- This not a small project-it could involve nearly 400 drill holes.- This would set new precedent for future projects to bypass environmental review.- The company could use this as a precedent 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 3F.- 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?- affect on tourism, area could be financially negatively impacted. - are there cultural or historical considerations?- are there threatened or endangered species issues?Dr Norman L. Brooks, DVM