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Comments: Dear Wendy,

My husband, Rand and I recently purchased what we hope will be our retirement home in Custer County.

We are alarmed to hear about a gold drilling project close to our neighborhood. We try to keep a quiet, natural setting that is friendly to wildlife.

We are also on well water. I'm very concerned about the status this company is asking for. Gold over life giving water?

Can we get this status demoted and have the company pay for due diligence studies on the effects of all this water use in this dry country before this project goes ahead?

Please note that the Wergin do NOT approve a Categorical Exclusion for the Newark project in our environment. Please do all you can to halt this.

Thank you!