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Comments: Dear Ms Schuyler

Please do an Environmental Assessment on Newark Project,

- \* this isn't a small project -- it could involve up to 390 drill holes,
- \* the company can't complete it in a year,
- \* there may be cultural resources in the area that need to be protected,
- \* it's upstream from a city (Custer) that relies on clean water for tourism (French Creek, which the project would impact, runs right through Custer and eventually through beautiful rock canyon at Custer State Park),
- \* this is a "foot in the door" by the company, and they actually want a larger project, so there would be cumulative impacts that are currently not described (their project was originally larger), and/or
- \* the proposed project requires construction of more than 1/3 mile of road and clearing of more than one acre of ground.

Thanks,

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