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Cc: [Senator Mike Rounds](#)
Subject: Newark Exploration Drilling Project
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I am writing as a citizen of Custer for several years. I am stating my opposition to the mining exploration due to the following concerns:

1. Was an environmental impact study done ? If not, this needs to be completed first
2. Mining operations pollute the environment. Wildlife will be harmed, our forests will be destroyed.
3. Safe water supply is crucial, and mining operations cause contaminants and poisons to be released and eventually enter our aquifers as well as streams.
4. Has anyone at the State Government level commented on this proposal? Has anyone considered that Black Hills Tourism will decline if not disappear if our land and water are not safe ?

Myself , my family, and my community deserve a say in this project before it is started.