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Comments: I have some concerns about how water will be handled in this project.
1) The proposal states, "Water will be sourced from an approved municipal or industrial water source." Will the city of Custer be an "approved" water source? We are facing drought conditions, so selling (I presume NOT simply giving!) tens of thousands of gallons of water seems unwise, especially given the number of local ranchers who rely on that source of water. This concern applies equally to all communities in the Black Hills as possible water sources.
2) The proposal states, "Whenever possible, water will be re-circulated and captured into holding tanks at the drill site." "Whenever possible" is a vague description. At 5,000-10,000 gallons per drill site (n. 39) per day, it wouldn't take too much leakage to have a noticeable impact on the surrounding soil and surface water over the life of the project. I would like to see a realistic estimate of how much water may escape over the life of the project.