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Comments: Mr. Hoelscher,

I am firmly against your approval of the Proposed Newark Gold Mining Exploration Project, that is set to be done approximately 100 yards from the back door of my residence, along with that of very many of my Neighbors. How dare you even consider allowing a project like this to be done in such close proximity to so many homes and water wells.

There is absolutely NO good reason for a Categoric Exclusion in this Bio sensitive area (Bat caves, amphibian filled ponds, and abundant wildlife), and to forgo an Environmental Assessment by an Independent agency here would be tantamount to Malfeasance.

Not only would this cause our quality of life to diminish, with the noise, lights, and vibration, but it will definitely compromise the water wells in this area. How can anyone say this will not happen, nor say that the Cyanide usage by the Canadian Mining Company that would follow would not contaminate the water for this entire region. In every other Gold mining project in this country (modern times) this has always occurred. Just look at Whitewood for a local example. What would we, and our Livestock, do for water?

This is Sacred land to the Lakota Sioux tribe, and should be left in its pristine condition. This project cannot be allowed to proceed. I, and many hundreds of other residents, are hoping you will order this ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, and put an end to this insanity.