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Comments: As a resident and elected official of the City of Custer I have the following questions: (1) What will be the demand on the City's water supply by this project? The company that has applied for the permit has not contacted the City about water use, yet they include in their application that they will be using a municipal or industrial water supply. If they plan to use the City of Custer's public water source, how many gallons will their trucks require on a daily basis? Has a study been done to insure that our water supply is sufficient to accommodate this demand as well as that of our citizens? During the dry summer months there is extra demand on our water supply due to the influx of tourists in our area. I am concerned about the adequacy of our water supply.

(2) What will be the impact on our local roads and infrastructure due to the traffic created by large tanker trucks on our local roads? What is the weight of each truck when full of water? Is there a plan to restore any damage created? How many daily truck trips between Custer City and the proposed exploration site are planned? This is an important concern especially during the busy tourist season from May through October when our roads are already at capacity. It is also a concern during the winter months when our roads are impacted by weather conditions.

Thank you for addressing these concerns.