Brian Gustafson, Administrator
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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am a citizen of South Dakota and resident of Union County. I hereby submit my formal comment and ask that you approve the air permit for the proposed Hyperion Energy Center in its current form without delay. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for Union County, the State of South Dakota, and our nation.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United States. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. I am also comforted in knowing that Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit our communities will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit all South Dakotans not to mention allowing South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Verlyn D. Johnson
Signature

29 September 2008
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CC: Board of Minerals and Environment