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Brian Gustafson, Administrator
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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Petroleum Marketers & Convenience-Store Association, representing petroleum wholesalers and retailers. OPMCA has over 350 members representing more than 3,000 retail fuel outlets. I hereby submit my formal comment and ask that you approve the air permit for the proposed Hyperion Energy Center. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for the State of South Dakota and our nation.

Oklahoma has refineries that presently supply fuel which is piped to South Dakota. Recently our fuel supply has been greatly challenged. The proposed Hyperion Energy Center would help alleviate some of the fuel distribution challenges in South Dakota and the Midwest states.

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 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,

Executive Director

cc: Board of Minerals and Environment