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Brian Gustafson, Administrator  
Air Quality Program  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

The North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association is comprised of petroleum wholesalers, truck stops, convenience stores, bulk fuel dealers and gas stations. Please accept this letter as our association's formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. NDPMA strongly believes this project is a great opportunity for the State of South Dakota and surrounding states, including North Dakota.

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 30 years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit the state, region and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth will result from this project. The Upper Great Plain States can take the lead in helping America to increase its energy security.

In addition, this refinery can help ease the burden of an already over stressed petroleum distribution system in the Midwest. In 2007, petroleum marketers throughout the Dakotas struggled to find fuel (both gas and diesel) for over seven months. The supply shortage was critical and there were many days when marketers had to drive 500 miles or more one way just to procure product and meet customer demand.

The Hyperion refinery is not only important to South Dakota. It's vital to all of the Great Plain States and perhaps more importantly, the nation. NDPMA urges the issuance of an air permit for this project.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Rud  
President

