TO: Dept of Environment and Natural Resources;
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We had a 2-year drought 2004-06.
According to government hydrologists,
the underground water table declined
to an alarming low - from all the
irrigating of crops with no rainfall.
So we know that we must not allow
anyone, not even farmers, to siphon
off 90,000,000 gallons of water per day!

If I fell into the MO River today
and swallowed a mouthful of water,
I doubt it would even make me sick.
But after a few years of refinery
waste dumped there, nobody would
dare swim in the toxic slough
much less eat fish caught from it.

Moreover, the contract granted
to Hyperion gives them permission
to sublet plots in their industrial
park for any kind of production
with no input from the public!
This undermines our constitutional
right to LIFE for surely this right
implies a healthful environment.
You surely know there are court
decisions setting this precedent.

For decades, the overly-industrial-
ized east coast has been trying,
by hook or crook, to gain access to
SD wide open plains and sparse
population to use the state for
their garbage dump, nuclear waste
dump, CAFOs, etc. Please do not
allow this to happen!!

In the first place, a refinery
in Union County would not reduce the
price of gasoline appreciably and we
need the farmland to grow food!

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