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Hyperion comment.

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Subject: "attention Hyperion air permit"

Hello.

I was born and raised in South Dakota, and still consider it my home. I graduated from SDSU in the field of Public Recreation, and have used my degree in the field of camp management, including a subset of education and skills related to environmental stewardship.

I am writing to express my concerns over the rush to approve an air permit for Hyperion. Please consider the following points:

-the need for an environmental impact study
An EIS is important to avoid damage to a local area in terms of its ecology, air and water quality and to ensure long-term sustainable, minimal impact development. In a nutshell....almost any project of this scope and magnitude is expected to complete an EIS. To simply say it is not needed is irresponsible and is a failure to provide an independent outside analysis on the impact this refinery would have on residents of this state and surrounding areas.

-the need for a public hearing in a location adjacent to the intended refinery
Many locals will not be able to travel to Pierre to express their concerns and ask their questions. A local meeting just makes common sense. (That is what we are known for in SD, right?)

A few additional points that need to be addressed:
*Hyperion nor the DENR have assessed the odor emissions and impacts from the proposed facility. SD law defines odors as air pollution and the nature of prohibited nuisance. Hyperion also fails to characterize odor emissions and the impact on neighbors of the facility.

*flaring (upstarts/shutdowns of refinery) not included in emissions of plant

*no transportation issues addressed...where will rail be, truck traffic...how will that contribute to emissions

*no monitoring on greenhouse gases

As South Dakotans, we have the responsibility of protecting our great state's natural resources while moving

forward into a new economy. Haste makes waste. Let's do our research and plan well as we pledge to do both.

Thank You,
Melanie Carter Pfeil

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. *Howard Thurman

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