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SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources  
Attn: Mike Cepak

**Wharf Expansion Project**

Mr. Cepak

I am writing you to let you know of my support for Wharf Resources application to expand operation the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

Wharf is a very large Fuel & Lubricant customer of M.G. Oil Company's. I believe that Wharf employs approximately 150 people at the mine. For us it also provides several truck drivers a couple of warehouse people and a lube truck driver employment.

I am quite certain the ripple effect from an operation like Wharf's is very similar to many companies like mine. Many jobs are created and dependent on this operation.

Please consider this when reviewing the expansion request.

Again I would like to ask for your support with the expansion request.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
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| A&W               | Chevron              | Bio Diesel            |
| Casinos & Lounges | Conex                | Ethanol Blending      |
| Country Market    | Conoco Phillips      | Gas & Diesel Fuel     |
| Hermosa Deli      | Corner Pantry        | Home Heating Oil      |
| Subway            | Flying J Truck Stops | Kerosene              |
| Uncle Sam's       | Sinclair             | Aviation Fuel         |
| Video Lottery     | Texaco/Havoline      | Happy Jack's Casino's |
| Ag. Fuel          |                      |                       |

**RE: Wharf Expansion Project.**

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Dear Mr. Cepak:

I was born and raised and currently a home owner in Nevada Gulch adjacent to the Wharf Mine and I am writing to support the application of Wharf Resources to expand mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

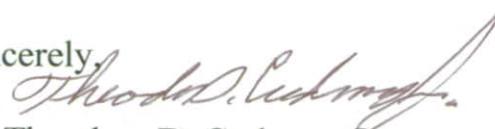
Wharf has been a conscientious operator and a good neighbor with the Nevada Gulch homeowners. Wharf adds a secure place to raise a family by improving the EMS that we currently have. Wharf has trained people in their workforce to be first responders, and made a landing zone for life flight. Knowing that workers coming and going to work have that training to help somebody in need is assuring. The current mining at Wharf Resources has not caused any problems or detrimental effects for the Nevada Gulch homeowners or is any foreseen with the expansion. Instead, with the expansion, State hwy 473 (Nevada Gulch Road) will be greatly improved; the Terry Peak Ski area will receive improvements that will benefit myself and family as avid lifelong skiers at Terry Peak.

In addition, mining at the Wharf Mine provides 150 high quality jobs for the area. Approval of Wharf's Expansion Project will allow these jobs to continue for an additional 7 to 8 years. In addition, Wharf will continue to spend millions of dollars each year, the majority of this in Lawrence County and South Dakota, to purchase supplies and services for the Mine.

Wharf and its employees are also valuable community members and good neighbors. They support our schools, youth groups, law enforcement, and numerous community organizations and activities.

I urge you to approve Wharf's Expansion Project.

Sincerely,



Theodore D. Cudmore Jr.

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South Dakota Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources  
Attn: Mike Cepak - Minerals and Mining Program  
523 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: Wharf Expansion Project.**

Dear Mr. Cepak:

I am writing to support the application of Wharf Resources to expand mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

I have been a Wharf employee for 25 years. Employment at Wharf has kept me in the hill's area with a good paying job. I guess you could say Wharf Resources has been my career to date. I have chosen Wharf for a career because we share the same values responsibility, commitment and honesty to name a few. These values are reflected in the way we approach the environment, community and State.

Wharf is a conscientious operator and an excellent steward of the land. Mining at the Wharf Mine provides 150 high quality jobs for the area. Approval of Wharf's Expansion Project will allow these jobs to continue for an additional 7 to 8 years. In addition, Wharf will continue to spend millions of dollars each year, the majority of this in Lawrence County and South Dakota, to purchase supplies and services for the Mine.

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Sincerely,



Dave Austin  
Wharf Resources  
Crusher/Maintenance Foreman