

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

I feel that Wharf has been and continues to be an excellent steward of the land and surrounding communities. The taxes generated by operating, continuation of the jobs provided, and the millions spent in the local economies will continue to be a boon for years to come.

The safety culture created at Wharf spreads, enriching our communities, setting the tone for greater growth for the future generations.

Many have seen the decline of Lead since cessation of mining at Homestake and the struggles the town has endured. I feel that if the approval is not granted, it would be the final nail in the coffin for Lead and the northern hills would be all the poorer, in people and value.

I urge you to approve Wharf's Expansion Project.

Sincerely,



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Mining has been a way of life for me as I have been in mining for 28 years and grew up knowing mining because my father mined for 36 years. Wharf provides 150 high quality jobs for the area and the expansion would allow these jobs to continue for another 7 to 8 years. The purchase of supplies and services for the Wharf mine will put millions of dollars into the Lawrence county and South Dakota economy.

I am a member of the Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department and Wharf has been a big contributor to that organization. I enjoy driving the elementary students in the annual homecoming parade and have done that for the past 5 years. I also hold a seat on the Terry-Valley Trojan Water Project District Board. I am one of many Wharf employees who are involved with the surrounding communities.

I urge you to approve Wharf's Expansion Project.

Sincerely,

Greg Wagner