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Ron Waterland  
Environmental Manager  
Wharf Resources (U.S.A.), Inc.  
10928 Wharf Road  
Lead, SD 57754-9710

Re: DENR Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands regarding Wharf Resources' proposed mine expansion

Dear Mr. Waterland:

Please find enclosed the department's Notice of Determination and Petition for Listing Special, Exceptional, Critical or Unique Lands. Also enclosed are copies of the nominating petitions from Jeannine Guern, Vernon W. Davis and Larry Miller.

A tentative hearing date on the nominating petitions has been set for March 17, 2011. In the next few weeks, our office will draft a notice of hearing that will set the time, date and location for the hearing. The notice of hearing will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions on these matters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Cepak, PE".

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Encl.: Notice of Determination  
Petition for Listing Special, Exceptional, Critical or Unique Lands  
Jeannine Guern, Vernon W. Davis and Larry Miller nominating petitions

cc: Roxanne Giedd, Assistant Attorney General