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Dear Mr. Gilman and Mr. Johnson:

Attached are comments regarding the Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAWs) for the Dabelstein and Yoder sand mining projects. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

We recognize that there are other sand mining projects currently in review (such as the Nisbit project) and being contemplated for proposal. Please accept the substance of these comments to cover all new sand mining operations where the mining and processing activities will be substantially similar, regardless of whether the end use of the sand is for industrial, agricultural or other uses.

Sincerely,



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