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Sir, concerning the Vulcan mining property in the Batesburg Leesville, SC area.

According to Vulcan's printed material, their site in the Columbia area is around 450 deep. My question, and concern is this. Their site there is 450 deep and my well is only 180 feet deep, what happens to my well when they cut into the water table here? There are many wells around this area that are as shallow as 50 feet.

What happens when Vulcan spills oil and diesel fuel on the ground which will work its way into the water table. The chance that Vulcan will spill diesel fuel and oil on the ground, is 100%, after all no one is there to oversee their operation.

Think of the economic impact on the area and the state. Places like Rawls Farms would go out of business. What about the chicken farmers, the dairy farmers and everyday citizens when their wells no longer produce water. What happens to them and their wells? This could run into the billions, something Vulcan cannot afford, and neither should the citizens of South Carolina.

Should SCDHEC decide to grant Vulcan the permit to operate, then I would suggest that they be required to post at least a One Billion dollar surety bond, to help cover the damage they will at some time cause.

Will Vulcan be responsible for redrilling all the affected wells, legal recourse available to citizens for well damage?

Will Vulcan be responsible for poluting the water table, the air quality, legal recoruse that citizens will have.

I truly think these questions need to be addressed before any granting of any permit.

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chadbourn Bolles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chadbourn" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Bolles".

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cc: Gov. Nikki Haley
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Sen. Shorn Massey
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