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**Shenelle Widow**



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**Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project**

CEO, Jonathan Manning  
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Dear Mystic Ranger District Office,

I came to you in a humble way as I speak because I am a human who is forever learning, making mistakes, and being attentive to all those we are related to. My name is Shenelle Widow and I am a North American Indigenous woman who cares deeply about this project as earth is important to sustain the viability of humanity.

Although the Rockford Miner Exploratory Drilling Project goal is to extract graphite there is a high probability of cross-contamination of underground water sources. Those water sources are critical for maintaining our survival as the human body is made up of 60-70 percent of water.

Writing this letter I am reassuring self-sustaining environmental protection of the Black Hills to ensure safe living conditions for the future generations' livelihood. For this reason, I would like for an environmental impact statement to be completed that outlines how the surrounding environment will be affected by this exploratory drilling project.

Respectfully,

**Shenelle Widow**