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Comments: I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project and request a 60-day extension of the scoping public comment period, so the breadth of the comments may more accurately represent those to be affected by the project in question.

Those to be affected, of course, would be the Lakotas, who have time and time again had to fight harder than anyone else to exist on this land (never mind thrive, like those of us in and who have benefited from drilling projects like this one). I worked for a time in similar projects overseas (still under US Government purview), and these too wrought destruction on local and far-reaching resources, especially water and wildlife. I cannot in good conscience continue benefiting from these projects until people like the Lakotas get their say. They are the ones most directly impacted, their resources potentially polluted and cultural practices disrupted.

Please extend the public comment period by 60 additional days, and reject the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project.