Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/14/2025 12:37:25 AM First name: Nick Last name: Belong Organization: Title: Comments: I write to urge you to not allow the Rochford Mineral Exploratory project to go forward.

Black hills are sacred and ceremonial grounds to the Lakota people and it must be protected at all costs. This project will disrupt the traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakota people.

The land is not only sacred but is also a beautiful place and pristine ecosystem and this project has potential of contaminating and cross contaminating the underground water sources, particularly in the upper Rapid Creek water shed with its 18 drill pads.

I also ask that you please extend the public comment period another 60 days so that everyone has an opportunity to comment and require an environmental impact statement.

Thank you.