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Comments: I would like to submit my objection to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838.

The environmental impacts, in particular water contamination, are particularly concerning.

The Lakota people use this area for ceremonial practices and we have done enough damage to Native Americans in this country. Their voices and concerns need to be respected and heard.

There should be an extension of the "scoping" public comment period to give everyone an opportunity to comment and an EIS should be required to insure that concerns for the environment are researched properly.

I have been to the Black Hills and the Lakota view this particular area as a sacred place that is culturally significant. The land should be left in pristine condition without industrial development.