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Comments: I can appreciate the importance of having a domestic source for electric car batteries, thus the need for graphite mines, but it needs to be done responsibly. How can the Rochford Exploratory Drilling Project ensure that local water sources will not be contaminated? How can the integrity of the adjacent Indian land Pe' Sla be guaranteed? If the drill holes can extend 1000' what happens if graphite is located beneath the sacred tribal land? Has there even been an Environmental Impact Statement for this project? I have no connection with either side of this issue, but how many times can Native Americans be betrayed over the same land? Native Americans, and the environment, must be given the respect they deserve. Local concerns about this project should all be considered and destructive mining projects should not be rubber-stamped for approval simply for the motive of profit. Thank you.