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Comments: I strongly oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project. We have an ethical and moral obligation to protect Native lands from any more harm than we have already caused them. We must keep the Black Hills healthy! I am a non-Native American and I feel so strongly that after stealing their land and committed true genocide against the first peoples of North American we are morally obligated to respect their native sites and not desecrate or destroy them further. This project is located in the sacred ?e Sápa (Black Hills). They are one of South Dakota's most biodiverse areas and are highly valued and respected by the Lakota people. The proposed site of this project is near Pe'Sla, which is a sacred site where the Lakota people do ceremonies annually. This project, along with the others that have already been approved, would only further contaminate these sacred lands and strip the Lakota people of their rights to the land.

It truly sickens me to think that we would continue our abuse of Native peoples. I urge you to assure that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is followed precisely and a full environmental impact statement is conducted. Knowing that the NEPA process has been cut down to only 28 days, I also urge you to put a 60-day extension on the "scoping" public comment period, so that everyone has an opportunity to make a comment.