

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/14/2025 1:01:32 PM

First name: Reno

Last name: Red Cloud

Organization: Oglala Sioux Tribe Water Resources

Title: Director

Comments: The Oglala Sioux Tribe is very concerned about the (proposed) Rochford, Graphite Mining Project, with Pete Lien & Sons Inc. We have ancestral ties to the Black Hills, through our 'Lakota' Historical, Traditional, and Cultural, existence, to this sacred area. We have the Treaties of 1851, and 1868, which (pre-date) the State of South Dakota's (Statehood) in 1889. Article VI, of the Treaties state 'Treaties are the 'Supreme Law of the Land'. We have a (sacred) area, 'Pse' Sla' right next to this proposed mining site, and It is held in 'Trust' status for the tribes, and is used in Lakota traditional ceremonies and activities. I am opposed to this SD Mining (permitting process) because of its 'Lakota' historical significance, and also the desecration to the land and air in the sacred Black Hills. The Oglala Sioux Tribe has a Ordinance #11-10 for 'Tribal Consultation' and I would recommend that process be followed. Please consider our Oglala Sioux Tribe concerns and deny this Rochford, Mining Graphite Project (permit).