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Comments: As an environmental scientist and social advocate, I am greatly concerned about the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. I create and review environmental documentation every day and it is clear to me that this project will have a severe, negative environmental impact and will greatly disrupt the traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakota people. Not only will this project destroy the lands of the Black Hills, but there will be little chance that the upper Rapids Creek watershed will escape contamination. This is unacceptable. I implore the Forest Service to require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project and to extend the "scoping" public comment period for 60 days to allow for appropriate public and community comment.