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Comments: I am enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe direct descendant of the Red Cloud bloodline and cousin to the famous war leader Crazy Horse; I am also a true traditional headman of a traditional Tiospaye {{community}} which number into the thousands on the Pine Ridge Reservation. I am deeply opposed to the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project being considered and attempted by the Pete Lien Company. I am a former two-time Tribal President, vice president, and Fifth Member of the Executive Council of the OST, {{Oglala Sioux Tribe}}. I carry with me the support and testament to the fact of not consulting or attempting to contact any coming from or related to a descendant of a signatory to the 1868 Ft Laramie Treaty of the Peace with the United States and all its Federal Agency that are now providing stewardship within the 1868 Treaty boundary and territory and everything within. The "Exploratory" drilling would disrupt and disturb not only the land but the vegetation, animals and birds that live in harmonious sanctuary on the exploratory site. There has to have a Full Environmental Impact Statement which would take into consideration the animals and all living species that reside within the area and the EIS would reveal the presence of some species that may be on the Endangered Species list. There are sacred items written into some of the petroglyphs and hieroglyphs that would be destroyed and could not ever be replaced as true and significant historical and religious value that we endear as teachings of sacred knowledge to maintain the future presence of generations of Tribal relatives current and yet to become members of the nation. They would destroy the history of the land, people, animals, and vegetation that we as Tribal people survive off of, the water above ground and subsurface would be polluted and destroyed that all living beings survive upon. All Tribes, Treaty Councils, and Tiospaye's have not been contacted or consulted for consideration of allowing to disturb such sacred lands and areas. The site considered for exploratory drilling is a location of the Sioux Nation that for time immemorial has been used for gathering of the Tribal Nation to conduct affairs long before colonization. The people have been conducting political business, spiritual pilgrimage, economic business, social, and recreational activities and hold with such significance the area that all our forefathers have fought and defended by spilling blood, giving of their lives, and maintaining the dignity of how powerful the people are to the people in the same manner fathers raise the children with love and teaching, the mothers hold the babies with nurturing and growth, and the families protect the site with their lives. As a true "Chief" Headman I emphatically so no to the attempt to destroy and damage my homeland!