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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Pete Lien and Sons Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838. This project poses significant risks to our environment, particularly to water resources, wildlife habitats, and overall ecosystem health. Exploratory drilling can lead to habitat fragmentation, increased erosion, and the potential release of harmful substances into the soil and water.

The Black Hills region is a unique and cherished area, and the potential negative impacts of this project far outweigh any possible economic benefits. Protecting our natural resources and preserving the beauty of the Black Hills for future generations should be our top priority. I urge decision-makers to reject this project and prioritize sustainable practices that ensure the long-term health of our environment.

We must ensure that any development in the Black Hills is done responsibly and with the utmost care for our natural world and with the approval of the Lakota People. Thank you for considering my concerns.