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Comments: I am an Oglala Lakota Ina (mother) na Unci (grandmother). I speak with the honor and obligation to protect and teach my children, grandchildren and those yet to come for at least the next seven generations. I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project because of the tragic condition the western settlers ravaged the original lands of the Black Hills (my homeland) in order to satisfy their greed of the gold minerals. This mining has not brought any good or positive to the area. It only padded the pockets of deplorable greedy people. This proposed project will be no different. Our Lakota people told them then and we are telling you now, and again: "DO NOT DISTURB OUR MOTHER EARTH." We only get one planet Earth. Once we destroy the earth, what is the alternative? Drilling and mining destroys the foundation and infrastructure of our planet, the habitat for animals and the environment. All of which, we rely on for survival.

It may not mean much to you as scavengers for profit and greed, to protect and think beyond yourselves. But as Lakota we have preserved this land for thousands of years for all life. It's in the best interest of our people, animals, environment and our planet to at the very least conduct an independent and unbiased Environmental Impact Study before an exploratory drilling or mining occurs. I plead and implore you to stop this project and complete the proper procedures, including getting tribal consultation and permission.

Sincerely submitted honoring my children, grandchildren and the next 7 generations yet to come!