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Comments: I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 because it is a threat to an essential spiritual and ceremonial area: Pe'Sla.

Not only Lakota people, but also Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Kiowa-Apache people require the undisturbed use of the Pe'Sla area for spiritual and ceremonial practices.

In addition, the project puts both the Rapid Creek watershed and Black Hills underground water sources at risk of contamination.

Further, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be required for this project.

This proposal is targeting the Black Hills, a land area whose rightful stewards are known to be Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota tribes.

These are the ones who should be consulted for projects. These are the ones whose consideration, if the answer is "No," must be respected.