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Comments: I oppose the Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 because of the likelihood of it contaminating the local watershed and underground water sources. An Environmental Impact Statement is needed for this project. Also, it will disrupt the traditional ceremonial practices of the Lakotas.

There should also be a 60-day extension for the public comment period on this project. I only heard about it a couple days before the deadline, and people need the opportunity to learn about what this project may mean for those living in the area.

I care about how land is used, and I don't want companies to get away with contaminating such a valuable natural resource as water, especially in an area that is sacred to the indigenous people who have lived there for centuries.