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Date: July 20, 2012

Mr. Richard E. Blubaugh
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RE: Cultural Resource review of Evaluative Testing of 20 Sites in the Powertech (USA) Inc. Dewey-Burdock Uranium Project Impact Areas: Volumes 1 and 2. For the Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Project, Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

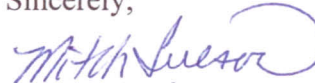
We have reviewed the appropriate volumes of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 cultural compliance reports presented by Archeology Laboratory, Augustana College, for evaluation of cultural resource sites inside areas of potential effect for the proposed Dewey-Burdock project area. The reports reviewed document formal evaluation of 20 cultural resource sites inside areas proposed for the project that could have effect. Of these 20 sites, one site is located in part on BLM administered surface land.

Site 39FA96 was found to be significantly affected by natural erosion and therefore does not possess adequate integrity, does not display workmanship or feeling, and it is not associated with an important historic event. Based on the information provided in the report the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recommends adequate testing was completed on site 39FA96, the site's integrity has been severely affected by deflation. The portion on BLM administered land does not possess enough information to meet the National Register of Historic Places criteria for an eligible archaeological site; therefore, the BLM is in agreement with the determination for site 39FA96 on this portion, in that it is considered not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Information provided for the remaining 19 sites should be sufficient for the lead Federal Agency to make informed recommendations of eligibility on the historic properties.

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Please let us know if you should need any additional information. I can be reached as Mr. Mitch Iverson (acting South Dakota Field Manager), (605) 892-7001 or email at Mitchell_Iverson@blm.gov or contact our archaeologist, Brenda Shierts at (605) 723-8712 or Brenda_Shierts@blm.gov.

Sincerely,


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