

January 29, 2014

Ms. Rebecca White, Chairwoman
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FINAL SEIS) FOR THE DEWEY-BURDOCK IN-SITU RECOVERY SITE IN CUSTER AND FALL RIVER COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA: SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IN-SITU LEACH URANIUM MILLING FACILITIES

Dear Ms. White:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff completed reviewing a license application submitted by Powertech (USA), Inc. for the construction, operation, aquifer restoration and decommissioning of the Dewey-Burdock In-Situ Recovery (ISR) Project. The facility is proposed to be located in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota.

The NRC has completed the "Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) for the Dewey-Burdock In-Situ Recovery Site in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota, Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities" (NUREG-1910, Supplement 4). This Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) includes an analysis of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC staff's determination regarding environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed in situ uranium recovery project.

In preparing the Final SEIS, the NRC staff reviewed, considered, evaluated, and addressed the comments received on the Draft SEIS. Appendix E of the Final SEIS presents the comments received on the Draft SEIS and the NRC responses to those comments.

Enclosed is a CD copy of the Final SEIS for your information. A hard copy of the Final SEIS is available upon request.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Haimanot Yilma by phone at (301) 415-8029 or by email at Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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