



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of

POWERTECH USA, INC.

(Dewey-Burdock
In Situ Uranium Recovery Facility)

Docket No. 40-9075-MLA

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Hearing Exhibit

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Exhibit Title:

From: Travis Stills
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Cc: [Jamerson, Kellee](#); [Roman-Cuevas, Cinthya](#); [Baer, Lorraine](#); [Paul Nickens](#); wmap@igc.org
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: June 2018 Field Survey Effort - Dewey-Burdock ISR Project
Date: Friday, June 08, 2018 11:33:45 AM

Ms. Diaz-Toro,

Please do not plan to go into the field Monday. There are important components left to address before field surveys or any NRC contractor interactions with Tribal members may commence. As noted, the NRC Staff's survey is subject to federal laws, the Tribes' laws, a government to government relationship created by the federal trust responsibility.

We will be providing a detailed response to the work plan today that sets out a proposed daily schedule with time, place, and tasks required to complete the necessary prerequisites. These prerequisites were discussed this week by phone and numerous emails, but have not been completed. It is unfortunate that field days will be lost due to the last-minute planning efforts, but keep in mind that it was NRC Staff's decision to stay the course for a June 11 start instead of June 18 start.

The upside is that the field survey protocols and methods will be worked out with the benefit of face-to-face discussions between NRC contractors and the Tribes' professional staff, with the benefit of necessary protections for the Tribes' cultural and religious interests.

Travis Stills

On 6/8/2018 8:40 AM, Diaz Toro, Diana wrote:

Hello Mr. White,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is proposing to meet on June 11, 2018, at 9:00am (local time), at Powertech's Edgemont office, 310 2nd Ave. Edgemont, SD. Powertech will provide transportation to and from the project area each day departing from their office in Edgemont.

With respect to the survey methodology, the NRC staff recognizes the importance of developing a survey methodology with the Tribes. Accordingly, the NRC invited Tribes to participate in discussions with the NRC and its contractor to develop the survey methodology. The NRC held two webinar and teleconference sessions (June 1 and June 4) and a follow-up teleconference call on June 5 to gather input from Tribes on and develop the survey methodology together. We had meaningful discussions with Tribes that participated in the webinars and teleconference calls and, as a result, the NRC staff sent the Tribes a summary of a proposed initial work plan for consideration by the invited Tribes. In the event

that staff does not receive comments on the proposed plan or an alternative approach from the Tribes, the NRC staff plans to follow the attached proposed work plan at the field survey effort next week. However, as discussed in the webinar and teleconference call sessions, the proposed work plan is flexible to adjust to recommendations and input provided at the field survey next week.

The NRC looks forward to your participation next week at the field survey.

Regards,
Diana

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