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Attention: Brian Walsh, Hydrologist, Groundwater Quality Program

Re: 1) Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit Application to EPA;
Dewey-Burdock Project; Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota
2) Land Application Monitoring Plan Summary for the Groundwater Discharge
Plan Application

Dear Mr. Walsh:

This letter transmits, for your information and file, a digital copy of Powertech's Class V UIC application that was submitted to EPA on March 30, 2010. Also enclosed is a draft of the monitoring plan prepared for the Groundwater Discharge Plan, which will be submitted to your office soon for your review and approval.

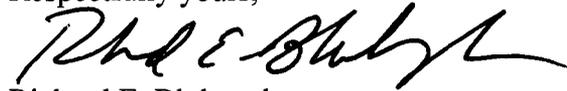
Pursuant to your letter of February 23, 2010 regarding the South Dakota regulatory requirements for a Class V disposal well, the enclosed copy of Powertech's Class V UIC permit application is being provided as relevant information rather than an application for review and approval. The NRC's recent request for additional information (RAIs) includes questions that will be answered with information from the Class V UIC permit application, consequently a copy also will be provided soon to NRC and BLM as part of our response to the RAIs. Likewise, it will be provided to the DENR Minerals and Mining Program as a component of the large-scale ISL mine permit application that will be submitted in the near future.

Additionally, this letter transmits the enclosed draft Land Application Monitoring Plan Summary that will be incorporated into the Groundwater Discharge Plan (GWDP) application. We believe it is appropriate to provide this draft monitoring plan in advance of submitting the final application in order to give you and the DENR staff additional

time to consider the details and to provide some meaningful feedback to Powertech in the event there are concerns that should be addressed in the final GWDP application.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, particularly if you have comments regarding the monitoring plan. Should there be any questions as you proceed with your review, please contact Mark Hollenbeck, Project Manager, or the undersigned at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,



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