

DeweyBurdNonPubEm Resource

From: Yilma, Haimanot
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 5:12 PM
To: VonTill, Bill; Burrows, Ronald
Cc: Cohen, Stephen; Kock, Andrea
Subject: RE: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

I called and left a message for

President: Theresa Two Bulls
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and

Cultural Resources: Michael Catches Enemy Oglala Sioux Tribe US Hwy 18 Behind Tribal Building PO Box 320 Pine Ridge, SD 57770
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Michael got back to me and said he was not able to meet with us during our site visit.

I also called the law office that Ms. Lorina office to determine if someone from law offices of Gonzalez law firm still represented the Oglala Sioux but never got a call back.

Haimanot

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From: VonTill, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 3:56 PM
To: Burrows, Ronald; Yilma, Haimanot
Cc: Cohen, Stephen
Subject: RE: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Haimanot,

Who were you trying to meet with from the Sioux?

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From: Burrows, Ronald
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 3:09 PM
To: VonTill, Bill
Cc: Cohen, Stephen
Subject: RE: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Bill,

The FRN is with OGC.

Do we have a current Sioux POC? I left a couple of messages with the former law firm that Ms. Lorina was associated with to see if they were still representing the Sioux, but have received no response.

Regards,

Ron

Ronald A. Burrows CHP, RRPT
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Federal and State Materials and Environmental
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-----Original Message-----

From: VonTill, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 1:28 PM
To: Burrows, Ronald; Cohen, Stephen
Cc: Lancaster, Thomas; Garrett, Betty; Kock, Andrea
Subject: RE: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Once the application is on the website, we need to notify the Sioux per the outreach strategy and that the FRN is coming.

Thanks

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From: VonTill, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 1:20 PM
To: Burrows, Ronald; Garrett, Betty; Cohen, Stephen
Cc: Hull, John
Subject: FW: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Steve will take the lead on this since Ron will be out for over two weeks. Betty, we may need some assistance while you are away Dec 23.

John, the other priority is the Cogema change of control.

Thanks

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From: VonTill, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 12:59 PM
To: 'David Cory Frankel'; Cohen, Stephen
Cc: Klukan, Brett; Hull, John; Kock, Andrea
Subject: RE: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Hello David,

Our goal is to put out the notice in the next 2-3 weeks.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: David Cory Frankel [mailto:davidcoryfrankel@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 12:39 PM
To: Cohen, Stephen; VonTill, Bill
Cc: Klukan, Brett
Subject: Powertech Application Fed Reg Notice?

Dear Steve and Bill,

This article indicates that formal NRC acceptance will be in the next few weeks. Can you tell me when you estimate there will be a Fed Reg notice so as to start the 60 day period for petitioners to file? Thank you.

FYI, from
http://www.hotspringsstar.com/articles/2009/12/08/hot_springs/news/doc4b1d449dc1b06575805718.txt

NRC holds Edgemont meeting

By Curt Nettinga

EDGEMONT - The next step in PowerTech, USA's quest for a license to mine uranium in the Dewey-Burdock area north of Edgemont was taken Wednesday afternoon, when representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Southwest Research Institute met with business, community and governmental representatives.

"I can tell you that we are reviewing the paperwork submitted with the license application submitted by PowerTech," said Bill Ford, an official with NRC.

"The application is in the process of being scanned into our system, at which time it will be available for review, electronically through our web site."

Much of the meeting was to let people from the area know the status of the application and for the NRC officials to begin the task of gathering data that will go into a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement or SDEIS.

"The NRC has a Generic Environmental Impact Statement that we use as a starting point," said SDEIS project manager Haimnot Yilma. "As each mining site is specific, we look at the GEIS, determine that the project fits into the profile, then proceed to gather data for the SDEIS."

The gathering of information and the writing of the supplemental statement will be done by Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Texas.

Ford said the formal acceptance of the application will take place in the next few weeks, and that process of gathering data, publishing the SDEIS and taking comments could take up to two years to complete before a license would be issued.

PowerTech, USA, is applying for an in situ uranium mining license for a 10,000 acre parcel of land in the Dewey-Burdock area. The site had been used

as an open-pit uranium mine in the 1960s and 70s.

The in situ process injects treated water, through a well, into the ground. The solution dissolves and captures the uranium, before being pumped out of a different well, where the uranium is recaptured.

Ford noted that the NRC is generally viewed as the lead organization in the permitting and licensing process. "There are several other agencies that will have a say in the licensing, through the comment period after the SDEIS is published," he said. "Often, other agencies kind of wait to see what we do before proceeding."

The NRC is the oversight agency for in situ mining applications or operations in New Mexico, Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota. Including the Dewey-Burdock project, they have six applications under review at this time.

Ford said that the first in situ uranium mining operation was near Buffalo, Wyo., and has been in operation since the mid-1970s.

While the townspeople were interested in the process, the panel was equally interested in local resources, including housing for construction and operations workers, schools for what would be an influx of people, healthcare possibilities in the area and transportation.

Edgemont mayor Jim Turner said that Edgemont's water and sewer system was serving more than 2,000 people at the height of the uranium mining. "Most of the infrastructure is in place and housing in the area is just waiting for some type of sign that this is going to happen, to get started," he said.

Linda Tidball, representing the Edgemont School District, said that the school currently has approximately 150 students K-12, "but could accommodate twice that many with little problem."

Tidball also said that the technology advances at the school could make it a good location for the training that workers in the mining field may require.

An estimated 200 construction employees would be expected if the mining license is granted and PowerTech works to begin operations. Southwest Research Institute's Jim Prikryl said an equal number of operational jobs would probably be in the works, after mining begins. "About 20-25 percent of those would be advanced education positions," he said, "engineers, geologists and such, with the rest being more labor type positions."

Ford said that a mine license remains in effect for up to 10 years, and can be renewed.

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