



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officers,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission invites you to attend a government-to-government consultation on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The meeting will be part of the ongoing consultations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) associated with three separate applications NRC currently has under review: the Dewey Burdock project; the Crow-Butte North Trend project; and the Crow-Butte license renewal project.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the views of interested Tribes about the general types and descriptions of historic properties of religious and cultural significance that may be affected by the proposed projects and how these places can be identified and evaluated as part of the ongoing environmental reviews for the above listed projects.

The NRC has identified certain categories of information that will be critical to our evaluation:

1. The general types and descriptions of historic properties of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes that the Tribes know or believe to be located in the three project areas;
2. The Tribes' views and approach on how best to identify and document these potential places;
3. The kinds of potential effects the Tribes believe that these places may be subject to as a result of the proposed projects; and
4. The kinds of measures the Tribes believe might enable NRC to develop a plan to avoid or minimize effects to these places.

The meeting will be held in the Lincoln Room at the Ramkota Best Western at 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701. The NRC has set aside a block of 25 rooms under "NRC Group" for your convenience. Powertech (USA) Inc. and Cameco, Inc. (the applicants) will cover travel and per diem costs for two representatives from each Tribe. In addition, the applicants will also cover, beyond those costs already noted, the travel costs of any Tribal Chair or Tribal President, who chooses to attend. If the representatives from your Tribe are interested in being reimbursed for travel costs, please contact John Schmuck, Senior Permitting Manager for Cameco Resources, at 307-316-7587.

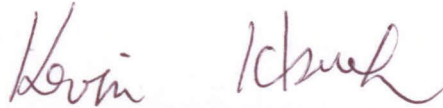
Enclosed is a proposed agenda for the meeting. If there are additional topics that your Tribe would like added to the agenda, please contact the NRC directly. The meeting will not be open to the public because of the sensitive nature of the cultural information to be discussed. The NRC understands confidentiality is necessary in order to protect sensitive information; therefore, methods needed to protect the information will be addressed based on feedback we receive from you.

Please provide the names of the Tribal representatives who are planning to attend the meeting to Haimanot Yilma and Nathan Goodman by February 7, 2012.

Additionally, representatives of the applicants will attend the meeting to exchange relevant information with Tribal officials. The NRC will also allow time for the Tribes to caucus and for NRC, BLM, and Tribal representatives to engage in discussion.

If you have additional questions for the NRC staff, please don't hesitate to contact the project manager for the Dewey-Burdock project, Haimanot Yilma, via phone at 301-415-8029 or e-mail at [Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov](mailto:Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov) or the project manager for the Crow-Butte North Trend and Crow-Butte license renewal projects, Nathan Goodman, via phone at 301-415-2703 or e-mail at [Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov](mailto:Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov)

Thank you very much,



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Enclosures (2):

- Enclosure 1: Proposed Meeting Agenda
- Enclosure 2: Initial List of Meeting Attendees