

May 23, 2012

Mr. John Yellow Bird Steele, President
Oglala Sioux Tribe
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF A LETTER SENT TO THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS INVITING THEM TO ATTEND A TELECONFERENCE REGARDING THE CROW BUTTE NORTH TREND, CROW BUTTE LICENSE RENEWAL, AND DEWEY-BURDOCK PROJECTS

Dear President Steele:

Enclosed please find a followup letter sent via email to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs). In the letter, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff invited the THPOs to participate in a teleconference that was held on April 24, 2012. The participants in the teleconference included the NRC staff, representatives from eight Tribes, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, and the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer.

The purpose of the April 24, 2012 teleconference was to discuss the draft Statements of Work (SOWs) for identification of historic properties of religious and cultural significance that the staff received from Cameco Resources Inc. and Powertech (USA) Inc. The draft SOWs pertain to the proposed Crow Butte License Renewal, Crow Butte North Trend, and Dewey-Burdock projects. The SOWs were developed taking into account information gathered during a prior Tribal consultation meeting held in Rapid City, South Dakota on February 14 and 15, 2012.

In the enclosed letter, the NRC staff also encouraged the THPOs to submit their own SOW for each project prior to the scheduled teleconference so that the consulting parties can use both the Tribes' and the applicants' documents to finalize a SOW for each project. This will allow the parties to move forward with the identification of historic properties that may be of religious or cultural significance to the Tribes. Based on the staff's review schedule for the three proposed projects mentioned above, the identification of such properties will need to be completed by the fall of 2012. To date, however, the staff has not received the Tribes' SOWs.

The NRC staff is transmitting this letter and attached correspondence to you to keep you informed of all Section 106 activities that are underway for the proposed Crow Butte License Renewal, Crow Butte North Trend, and Dewey-Burdock projects.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact, Ms. Haimanot Yilma via email at Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov or phone at 301-415-8029 for the Dewey-Burdock project, or Mr. Nathan Goodman via email at Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov or phone at 301-415-8029 for the Crow Butte projects.

Sincerely,

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Follow up Letter

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