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Haimanot,

The SRI Foundation is assisting Cameco/Powertech in gathering information that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) needs to complete environmental documents for NRC's review of the license renewal of the Crow Butte ISR facility and new ISR license for the Dewey-Burdock Project. As part of this information gathering effort, NRC asked that Cameco/Powertech conduct a literature review to identify the types of places that might be of traditional religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes in the project areas.

The attached report uses literature that has addressed similar issues to identify the types of places likely to be sensitive to tribes. According to the SRI Foundation we might reasonably expect that specific places of traditional religious and cultural significance to Northern Plains tribes within the project areas would include the types discussed in the attached report. This report is not intended to take the place of information that Indian tribes could provide about places of traditional religious and cultural significance in the Northern Plains, or specific places within the Cameco/Powertech project areas through consultation or other means.

We understand that consultation with Indian tribes is necessary to identify traditional places of cultural and religious significance. These tribes represent the communities with the special expertise required to recognize such places, and assign culturally specific meaning to them. During consultations with Indian tribes regarding the Cameco/Powertech projects, applicants have heard that there might be places of traditional religious and cultural significance that could be affected by the projects. Tribal representatives have also said that knowledgeable tribal members need to conduct on-the-ground investigations in order to identify these places. Currently, it appears that the tribes are interested in performing studies at the Cameco/Powertech sites this summer. With the studies being performed this summer, we expect the final SEIS to contain the information provided by the tribes.

Please use the attached overview as you deem appropriate. It is in WORD format for your convenience. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (303)790-7528 or Martha Graham, SRIF, at (505) 892-5587.

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