



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

October 31, 2012

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer:

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF SURVEY PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPOSED
DEWEY-BURDOCK *IN-SITU* RECOVERY PROJECT

On October 12, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent a letter to all consulting parties requesting suggested alternatives for identifying potential historic and cultural properties at the proposed Dewey-Burdock site that may be of interest to Tribes. This request was prompted by NRC's concern that Powertech and Makoche Wowapi/Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP would not be able to reach an agreement regarding an appropriate level of effort for completion of a tribal survey for the proposed Dewey-Burdock *In-Situ* Recovery (ISR) project.

The NRC would like to thank the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the MHA Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians for responding to this request.

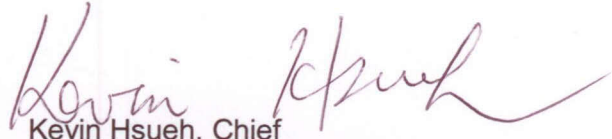
On October 19, 2012, an alternative survey approach was submitted by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in collaboration with the Three Affiliated Tribes and the consulting firm of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson. A copy of the proposal is enclosed for your review. The NRC believes the level of effort represented by the Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson proposal is commensurate with the survey needs of the 2,637-acre area identified for potential direct effects. The NRC has decided to move forward with this proposal.

The NRC recognizes the importance of providing all interested Tribes with an opportunity to participate in this survey effort. Therefore, the NRC hereby invites each interested Tribe to provide a qualified representative to join the survey team. Powertech has agreed to provide financial support for one representative from each participating Tribe. This includes an honorarium of \$5,000 per Tribe, plus travel reimbursement and per diem for meals and lodging to be distributed at the Tribe's discretion to an individual participating in the fieldwork. Based on the enclosed proposal, the field survey is estimated to require three weeks.

Due to the lateness of the season, it is imperative that this work begin as soon as possible. Therefore, the NRC asks those Tribes who wish to participate in the survey to respond no later than November 7, 2012. Please respond by sending an email to Haimanot Yilma (Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov) and/or the NRC's contractor, Randy Withrow (rwithrow@louisberger.com). If you have any questions or additional comments for the NRC, please forward them to either Haimanot or Randy.

Please note that the enclosed revised proposal does not contain any proprietary information. The original proposal with cost estimate is being withheld from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Hsueh", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Hsueh, Chief
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and Environmental Protection
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Enclosure: Revised Proposal