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Ms. Suzanne Bohan
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DEWEY-BURDOCK *IN-SITU* RECOVERY PROJECT IN FALL RIVER AND CUSTER COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR *IN-SITU* LEACH URANIUM MILLING FACILITIES

Dear Ms. Bohan:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing a license application submitted by Powertech (USA), Inc. for the construction, operation, aquifer restoration and decommissioning of the Dewey-Burdock *In-Situ* Recovery Project. The facility is proposed to be located in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota. The proposed facility, if licensed, would use an *in-situ* process to recover uranium.

As part of the review of the application, the NRC has prepared a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) (NUREG-1910, Supplement 4). The draft SEIS includes an analysis of relevant environmental issues, and documents the NRC staff's preliminary determination regarding the environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed uranium recovery project.

The NRC staff is enclosing copies of the draft SEIS for review and comment by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8. The document has been officially filed with EPA Headquarters. EPA's comments will be addressed in the final SEIS.

Please provide any information or comments on the enclosed draft SEIS that you consider appropriate under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, under which the draft SEIS has been prepared, during the comment period that ends on January 7, 2013. Comments should be submitted in writing by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 on <http://www.regulations.gov> (after November 23, 2012) and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2012-0277.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Haimanot Yilma, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-8029, or by email at Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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