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Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Dewey-Burdock In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Custer and Fall River Counties, SD

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## General Comment

Comment on Docket NRC-2012-0277, the proposed Dewey-Burdock project. There are a great many issues with this SEIS that must be addressed before approval.

- \* The SEIS was issued before all the relevant information was available.
- \* Cultural and historical impacts are not considered properly. The relevant information is still not available.
- \* The SEIS "dilutes" impacts by saying that the impacts are "small" because only part of the project area is involved. The impacts are large to the affected areas, and that is what should be considered.
- \* The SEIS only includes the impacts of a 100-year flood, and some facilities are allowed within the 100-year flood boundaries. A 500-year flood should be considered.
- \* The SEIS says that impacts are "small" in a number of instances because Powertech Uranium has said it will do certain things if problems develop. The SEIS should not consider only the "best case" impacts, but should consider impacts if the problems found at other ISL projects.
- \* The SEIS lists a number of things that Powertech should do before it starts its operation. These activities should be completed before an SEIS is issued, so that the public can have full

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information on which to base its comments, and so that the NRC can have full information on which to base its ratings of various impacts.

\* The environmental impacts of wildfires, which are common in the immediate area of the proposed project, should be considered, including potential impacts if a fire strikes mining, pipelines, overhead powerlines, and processing buildings.

\* The SEIS does not acknowledge environmental justice, cultural, and historical concerns that include Lakota treaty rights to the proposed project area and the fact that a number of Native American tribes consider the Black Hills to be sacred.

As A resident of Fall River County, I am very concerned about protecting our water resources.