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General Comment

Since the state legislature of South Dakota has decided to abdicate it's responsibility to protect the water and lives of it's people to outside government agencies. Often these agencies have failed to consider the history of repeated failures in other states mining regulation or the successes when the people are given the truth and allowed to be heard. Powertech has twice failed to provide complete information on applications for injection well permits. They have been rejected by Colorado because of their failure to meet mining regulations that are almost the same as regulations that existed in South Dakota before they were removed recently. It seems that Colorado has seen the dangers of trusting mining companies who will do anything they can to avoid responsibility to return the land and aquifers back to how they found them. Since they pay no extraction tax a policy of do no harm seems fair. Powertech has no prior track record and considering the failures of other experienced companies in area like Nebraska and Wyoming it is unlikely this poorly capitalized company will be able to avoid violations or follow though on any continuing cleanup operations.

Powertech should be required to show it will do no harm to to ability of South Dakota to survive the droughts predicted in the future or harm the public health. This Canadian company should not be allowed to exploit South Dakota and leave us with a environmental disaster.

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