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Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook,


Powertech (USA) Inc. has recently submitted permit applications to appropriate water from the Inyan Kara Aquifer for in-situ recovery (ISR) of uranium and the Madison Aquifer for aquifer restoration following ISR.

Rapid City's primary water supply is the Madison Aquifer, which is also the primary water source for Ellsworth Air Force Base. Recently our City has been confronted with concerns over the potential impact to our water supply.

The City of Rapid City needs assurance from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the permitting of water rights for use in Powertech's proposed ISR, or any other future ISR located near the Black Hills, will not negatively impact the quality of the Madison Aquifer water utilized by Rapid City.

I look forward to a response from you on the above mentioned concerns.

Sincerely,


Sam Kooiker, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



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