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To: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
c/o Nicholas Sciretta and Tawana Ellis

Re: Docket No. 40-9075-MLA - Powertech Hearing and License Application Resources

On behalf of Environmentalists Inc. (EI), I am responding to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)'s Notice of Opportunity to make written limited appearance statements regarding the licensing of Powertech Inc.'s Dewey-Burdock In Situ Recovery (ISU) of the Uranium Recovery Facility.

EI has members who live along the highways over which recovered uranium is proposed to be transported. Members of EI also live near plants which receive and process uranium, including enrichment facilities and nuclear fuel fabrication plants. The transportation of uranium on highways over which members travel threatens their safety and health. Homes, schools, businesses, farms, parks, restaurants are all subject to negative impacts from normal radiation releases and from accidents.

We ask that these issues be made part of the hearing record, and that EI be recognized as having Standing in this licensing proceeding.

We support the contentions which have been raised by the two intervening organizations, the Oglala Indian Nation and other consolidated intervenors.

The following are more concerns which need to be fully incorporated with those already identified:

- 1) the movement of uranium through populated areas;
- 2) the lack of adequate monitoring at the facility;
- 3) the failure to use the most up-to-date and qualified data;
- 4) the failure to use the health and safety data from uranium recovery operations (we don't need another Church Rock disaster);
- 5) the irregularities in the way the licensing process is being held.

The Oglala aquifer must be protected. It serves seven states in an area which has very little potable water.

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