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John M. Mays, P.E.
Chief Operating Officer
Powertech (USA), Inc.
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Re: Powertech (USA) Inc.'s Request to Suspend Alluvial Well Sampling for the Dewey-Burdock Ground Water Discharge Plan

Dear Mr. Mays,

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has received Powertech (USA), Inc.'s request to suspend sampling of the alluvial wells for the proposed ground water discharge plan.

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:54:02:18 requires a minimum of four samples within a six month period, with no two samples collected within the same month to determine ambient ground water quality. Based on the information submitted by Powertech (USA), Inc., the minimum requirements of ARSD 74:54:02:18 have been met.

The South Dakota Water Management Board has not acted on the ground water discharge plan application and plan conditions with associated monitoring requirements. The suspension of sampling of the alluvial ground water wells is at the discretion of Powertech (USA), Inc.

Sincerely,

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