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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROACH TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS SITES AT THE DEWEY-BURDOCK IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN FALL RIVER AND CUSTER COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-9075)

Dear Ms. Green:

I am following up with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's invitation dated May 24, 2018, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML18144A067), to participate in the implementation of the NRC staff's selected approach and associated timeline to identify sites of historic, cultural, and religious significance to the Lakota Sioux Tribes and gather information to supplement the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Dewey-Burdock in situ uranium recovery (ISR) project in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota.

On May 29, 2018, Powertech (USA) Inc., the licensee proposing to construct and operate the Dewey-Burdock ISR facility, confirmed that they will provide the following reimbursement and compensation to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for its participation in the NRC's approach:

- Lodging and per diem - \$136.00 per day for lodging and \$59.00 per day for meals and incidental expenses for each tribal representative.
- Mileage - \$0.535 per mile for one round trip for each phase of the field survey for up to two vehicles for each participating Tribe from the tribal representatives' point of origin to Edgemont, South Dakota.
- Honorarium - \$10,000 honorarium to each participating Tribe. Powertech has clarified that the honorarium may be used at each Tribe's discretion and will be paid upon successful completion of all activities pertaining to the NRC's approach, in accordance with the timeline developed by the NRC staff (Enclosure 1), including the submission of a final report identifying historic, cultural, and religious sites at the Dewey-Burdock ISR project or a written submission that no such report will be submitted.

The NRC staff would like to remind you that two webinar and teleconference sessions have been scheduled on June 1 and June 4, 2018, to discuss and establish the areas to be examined and the survey methodology to be implemented during the field survey scheduled in June 2018 and September 2018.

- Friday, June 01, 2018 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT
  - The webinar registration information has been provided separately via e-mail
  - The teleconference call information is: 1-800-857-6197, pass code: 88543
  
- Monday, June 04, 2018 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT
  - The webinar registration information has been provided separately via e-mail
  - The teleconference call information is: 1-800-857-6197, pass code: 88543

The NRC staff looks forward to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe's participation.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 2.390, of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Kellee Jamerson of my staff. Ms. Jamerson can be reached at (301) 415-7408 or via e-mail at [Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov](mailto:Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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