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Hello Dyan Youpee,

Thank you for your participation at today's U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Tribal information meeting on the Section 106 process for Powertech's license renewal application for the Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery facility in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota. As discussed, please find attached the 2014 Programmatic Agreement. Appendix B to the 2014 PA describes the cultural resource identification and consultation efforts.

I have also attached the 2020 Updated Record of Decision for the issuance of license SUA-1600 to Powertech.

Regards,
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AMONG
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
POWERTECH (USA), INC.
AND
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REGARDING THE
DEWEY-BURDOCK IN SITU RECOVERY PROJECT
LOCATED IN CUSTER AND FALL RIVER COUNTIES
SOUTH DAKOTA**

Date 03-19-14

WHEREAS, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received an application from Powertech (USA), Inc. (Powertech or applicant) for a new radioactive source materials license to develop and operate the Dewey-Burdock Project (the undertaking) located near Edgemont, South Dakota in Fall River and Custer counties (Project) pursuant to the NRC licensing authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2011 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, NRC is considering issuance of a license for the Dewey-Burdock In Situ Recovery [ISR] Project pursuant to its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2011 *et seq.* which makes the project an undertaking requiring compliance by NRC with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470, and its implementing regulations (36 CFR § 800 (2004)); and

WHEREAS, if licensed, the proposed project will use an In Situ Recovery (ISR) methodology to extract uranium and process it into yellowcake at the Dewey-Burdock site; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project area consists of approximately 10,580 acres (4,282 ha) located on both sides of Dewey Road (County Road 6463) and includes portions of Sections 1-5, 10-12, 14, and 15, in Township 7 South, Range 1 East and portions of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, and 30-35 in Township 6 South, Range 1 East, Black Hill Meridian, (see Appendix A and Figure 1.0 for fuller description and a map of the project area); and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the General Mining Act of 1872 Powertech has filed Federal Lode mining claims and secured mineral rights on 240 acres [97 ha] of public lands open to mineral entry and administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and has the right to develop the mining claims as long as this can be accomplished without causing unnecessary or undue degradation to public lands and in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations under 43 CFR Subpart 3809; and

WHEREAS, review and approval of a Plan of Operations for the project that meets the requirements of 43 CFR Subpart 3809 by the BLM-South Dakota Field Office makes the project an undertaking requiring compliance by BLM with Section 106 of the NHPA, 16 U.S.C. § 470 and 36 CFR Part 800; and

WHEREAS, the BLM, by letter dated April 7, 2011, has designated the NRC as the lead agency for compliance with requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA regarding the Dewey-Burdock Project

(ADAMS Accession No. ML11116A091) pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(2) of the Section 106 regulations; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Powertech has submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit Applications for ISR uranium recovery and the disposal of treated ISR process fluids at the Dewey-Burdock site; the EPA will issue draft permit decisions that meet the requirements of UIC regulations found at 40 CFR Parts 124, 144, 146 and 147; and

WHEREAS, the NRC determined a phased process for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA is appropriate for this undertaking, as specifically permitted under 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(2), such that completion of the evaluation of and determinations of effects on historic properties, and consultation concerning measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects will be carried out in phases, as set forth in this Programmatic Agreement (PA) (see Appendix A for details); and

WHEREAS, the area of potential effects (APE) for the undertaking is the area at the Dewey-Burdock Project site and its immediate environs, which may be directly or indirectly impacted by construction and operation activities associated with the proposed project, as described in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, Project activities may occur on lands outside the license boundary for the installation of electrical transmission lines, and will be addressed in accordance with Stipulations 3 and 4 of this PA; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.6(a)(1)(i)(C), the NRC, by letter dated April 24, 2013, notified the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of the potential for adverse effects to historic properties from the undertaking and invited the ACHP to participate in Section 106 consultation and in the preparation of this PA; and

WHEREAS, the ACHP, by letter, dated October 28, 2013, formally entered the consultation; and

WHEREAS, the NRC initiated consultation with the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SD SHPO) on December 2, 2009, during a face-to-face meeting held in Pierre, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the NRC invited Powertech to participate in Section 106 consultation and preparation of this PA; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated March 19, 2010 (ML100331999) and September 8, 2010 (ML102450647), the NRC invited 23 federally-recognized Indian Tribes who may ascribe religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking, including the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Crow Nation, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, the Lower Sioux Indian Community, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations), the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe (collectively referred to as Tribes), to each be a consulting party in the Section 106 process; and

WHEREAS, the following 23 Tribes participated in consultation at varying levels with the NRC and BLM regarding the proposed Dewey-Burdock Project: the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma,

the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Crow Nation, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, the Fort Peck Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, the Lower Sioux Indian Community, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations), the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the NRC worked with consulting Tribes between November 2011 and October 2012 to develop an approach for identifying historic properties of cultural and religious significance to Tribes; the NRC conducted a face-to-face consultation focused on the identification of these properties in February 2012. Although several work plans for a tribal field survey were prepared and discussed by the consulting parties throughout 2012, the parties were unable to reach agreement on the scope and the cost of the Tribal survey (see Appendix B for details); and

WHEREAS, in October 2012, the NRC requested alternative approaches to conduct a tribal field survey and subsequently proposed opening the project area to all interested Tribes to complete the survey according to their needs and interests, with payments to be made to participating Tribes (see Appendix B for details); and

WHEREAS, the NRC offered all 23 consulting Tribes the opportunity to participate in a tribal field survey to identify properties of religious and cultural significance to them for the proposed Dewey-Burdock project ISR facility by letter dated February 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the following seven Tribes participated in the tribal field survey: the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, the Crow Nation, the Santee Sioux Tribe, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians as discussed in details in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, surveys to identify historic properties have been completed for the project including Class III archaeological surveys and tribal surveys to identify properties of religious and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the NRC received tribal survey reports with eligibility recommendations from the Northern Arapaho Tribe, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, as well as field notes from the Crow Nation as discussed in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, the NRC staff has reviewed and evaluated the results of the applicant's Class III archaeological surveys and tribal surveys in the development of its initial recommendations concerning eligibility of properties identified within the APE for the undertaking for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as presented in Appendix B; and

WHEREAS, the NRC has received concurrence from the SD SHPO on these eligibility determinations as discussed in Appendix B, eligibility determinations were also sent to the Tribes with a 30-day review and comment period; and

WHEREAS, the NRC invited each of the 23 consulting Tribes to participate in the development of this PA; and

WHEREAS, the following Tribes participated at varying levels in webinars and/or provided written comments during the preparation of this PA: Northern Cheyenne, Cheyenne River Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; (see Appendix B for list of participants); and

WHEREAS, each of the 23 consulting tribes will be invited to sign the PA as a Concurring Party; and

WHEREAS, the BLM, as a federal agency with a federal action related to this undertaking has participated in the Section 106 consultation and development of this agreement and will be a signatory; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has participated in discussions of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the PA will be entered as a condition on the NRC license, if granted; and

WHEREAS, the PA will be entered as a condition of Powertech Inc.'s Plan of Operation, if approved by the BLM; and

WHEREAS, Powertech, as the applicant for federal approvals has been invited to execute this agreement as an invited signatory in recognition of the responsibilities assigned to the applicant under the terms of this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the NRC, BLM, SD SHPO, Powertech, and the ACHP agree that the undertaking will be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

STIPULATIONS:

NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land) shall ensure that the following measures are carried out within its regulatory authority:

1) Conditions for Federal Approval:

- a) The NRC will require that Powertech comply with all applicable stipulations and provisions of this PA, as a condition of the Powertech license for the Project.
- b) The BLM will ensure that a Record of Decision on an acceptable Plan of Operation will not be signed until all required signatories have executed this PA.
- c) The NRC shall not grant a license to Powertech until all required signatories have executed this PA. Upon receipt of a fully executed PA, the NRC will issue the license when all other requirements for the license have been met.
- d) If a license amendment is required due to a change in the design or operation of the Project, and if that change would involve ground disturbing activities outside the currently identified disturbance areas, NRC will reconsider the eligibility determinations (in accordance with Stipulation 3) of any archaeological sites with tribally defined features and any tribally identified sites previously found not eligible that may be affected by the new ground disturbance.

2) Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties within the License Boundary:

- a) Appendix B provides information on the archaeological and tribal filed surveys and describes the cultural resources identified within and adjacent to the boundary of the 10,580-acre project site. More than 300 cultural resources were identified.
- b) In consultation with SD SHPO and the Tribes, the NRC and BLM have proposed eligibility determinations for 69 percent of the properties identified. Approximately 14 percent of identified sites have been determined eligible for listing on the NRHP, 55 percent have been determined not eligible, and 31 percent remain unevaluated.

3) Protection and Evaluation of Unevaluated Properties within the APE:

- a) Powertech will protect all unevaluated properties until an NRHP-eligibility determination is completed, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c).
- b) If changes in the design or operation of the Project, including wellfield configurations, result in ground disturbance that could affect unevaluated properties, Powertech shall sponsor necessary supplemental research and/or field investigations prior to commencing any ground-disturbance activities. Powertech will provide opportunities for consulting Tribes to help develop a draft investigation methodology for archaeological sites with tribal features and sites identified by the Tribes. The additional studies will provide information to enable NRC and/or BLM, in consultation with consulting Tribes, and the SD SHPO, to make NRHP-eligibility determinations for unevaluated cultural resources.
- c) Powertech must provide a written plan of its investigation methodology (investigation plan) at least four months prior to commencement of work, to enable the NRC and BLM to allocate staff resources for Section 106 reviews; additional review time may be necessary if NRC and BLM staff resources are limited or due to conditions beyond the staff's control.
- d) The NRC will distribute the proposed investigation plan to the 23 consulting Tribes soon after it is received from Powertech.
- e) Upon receipt of the Powertech investigation plan, the NRC, the BLM, consulting Tribes and the SD SHPO will have 30 days to review the proposed plan. The NRC will consider any comments received in writing from consulting parties within the specified review period. If revisions to the plan are necessary, Powertech will revise the plan accordingly and circulate the revised investigation plan to the NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land). The NRC will forward the revised plan to all consulting parties. A second review period of 30 days may be requested.
- f) Upon approval of the investigation plan by the NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land), Powertech will conduct supplemental research and/or field investigations and provide recommendations concerning NRHP-eligibility of previously unevaluated cultural resources for NRC consideration. If appropriate, testing will be conducted under the supervision of individuals meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards. The report shall follow documentation standards outlined in 36 CFR § 800.11.
- g) After the completion of any additional studies, the NRC will submit the findings of NRHP-eligibility evaluation to BLM, SD SHPO, and consulting Tribes, with a 45-day period of review and comment.

- h) The NRC may request revisions to the reports or additional investigations after consideration of comments received from BLM, SD SHPO, and consulting Tribes. The NRC will provide revisions to BLM, SD SHPO, and consulting Tribes, with a 30-day period for a second review and comments.
- i) The NRC will submit final determinations of NRHP-eligibility and effects to SD SHPO for review and concurrence; this review will be completed by the SD SHPO within 30 days.
- j) When the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO, in consultation with the Tribes, agree on NRHP-eligibility, avoidance will be the preferred option. Avoidance measures may include, but are not limited to, the relocation of pipelines, roads, facilities, monitoring wells, and other disturbances. When avoidance is not possible, adverse effects will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation 5—Resolution of Adverse Effects.
- k) If the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO, in consultation with the Tribes, make the determination that identified cultural resources are not NRHP-eligible, no further review or consideration of the properties will be required under this PA.
- l) When the NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land) and the SD SHPO disagree on NRHP-eligibility and the disagreement is not resolved through further consultation and the resource cannot be avoided, the NRC will refer the issue to the Keeper of the National Register (Keeper) and request a formal determination of eligibility, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c)(2). The ACHP may also request referral of an NRHP-eligibility determination to the Keeper.
- m) If a consulting Tribe that attaches religious and cultural significance to a property disagrees with an NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land) eligibility determination, it may ask the ACHP to request the NRC or BLM to obtain a determination of eligibility from the Keeper in accordance with 36 § 800.4(c)(2).

4) Assessment of Effects:

- a) As part of its consideration of the effects of construction and operations on the landscape, the NRC conducted a line-of-sight analysis to assess the potential for adverse visual effects on all known historic properties located within three miles of the tallest buildings on both the Dewey and Burdock facilities.
- b) The NRC and BLM consulted with SD SHPO and consulting Tribes in making its determination that eligible or unevaluated archaeological sites and properties of religious and cultural significance will be adversely affected by the undertaking. The effects determination is presented in Appendix B Table 1:0.
- c) The NRC and BLM will consult with all consulting parties to develop proposals to resolve these adverse effects (as summarized in Appendix B Table 2:0) in accordance with the process set forth in Stipulation 5—Resolution of Adverse Effects.

5) Resolution of Adverse Effects:

- a) The NRC will solicit suggestions from consulting parties concerning potential measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties described in Appendix B after the PA is executed.

- b) The NRC and BLM, in consultation with consulting parties, will determine what treatment measures are appropriate to each adversely affected historic property.
- c) Treatment measures can include, but are not limited to the following:
 - i. For archaeological properties that are significant for their research data potential (Eligibility Criterion D, National Register of Historic Places), the treatment measures may follow standard mitigation through data recovery. Treatment plan(s) for data recovery shall include, at a minimum, a research design with provisions for data recovery and recordation, analysis, reporting, and curation of resulting collection and records, and shall be consistent with the *Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines* (48 FR 44734-44737). Treatment plan(s) must be consistent with easement and permit requirements of other agencies, when applicable. To the extent possible, treatment plan(s) should group related sites and areas, so related resources can be considered in context, and to minimize the burden of review and approval by agencies.
 - ii. Treatment plan(s) for properties eligible under Criteria A, B and C, or significant for values other than their potential research potential shall specify approaches for treatment or mitigation of the property in accordance with the principles, standards, and guidelines appropriate to the resource, if warranted. This may include, but not be limited to, use of such approaches as relocating the historic property, landscaping to reduce visual effects, public interpretation, ethnographic recordation, oral history, archival research, or prescribing use of a component or activity of this undertaking in such a way as to minimize effects to historic properties. Methods of recordation and documentation described in the treatment plan(s) shall conform to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation* (48 FR 44730-44734) or other standards specified by NRC.
 - iii. In lieu of standard mitigation approaches described above, treatment plan(s) may adopt other alternative approaches to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects to historic properties, including, but not limited to, assisting in the development of Tribal historic preservation plans, developing detailed historic contexts for the region, developing educational materials, purchasing properties containing historic resources, or developing historic property management plans.
- d) Powertech shall prepare a treatment plan for each affected historic property, following the potential treatment measures developed through consultation with all consulting parties,
- e) In conjunction with the submission of their Plan of Activities, which detail construction and operations activities for each year, Powertech will submit one or more draft treatment plans based on input provided by all consulting parties. A draft plan will identify properties that will be affected that year and measures that will be taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those effects. A draft treatment plan will be submitted for NRC and BLM review and approval four months prior to construction, so the NRC and BLM can appropriately allocate staff resources to the extent possible; additional time may be necessary in the event that NRC and BLM staff resources are limited due to conditions beyond the staff's control.
 - i. The treatment plan shall contain a description of the effects on each adversely affected historic property and a description of the proposed treatment for each of those historic properties.

- ii. If monitoring by a qualified archaeologist and/or Tribal monitor is part of the strategy for resolving or preventing adverse effects, the treatment plan shall include a Monitoring Plan. The objective of monitoring is to protect known sites from construction impacts, identify at the time of discovery any archaeological materials exposed during ground disturbance, and protect such resources from damage until the procedures for discoveries per Stipulation 9—Unanticipated Discoveries are implemented.
 - iii. If data recovery is determined to be an appropriate treatment and part of the strategy for resolving adverse effects, the treatment plan shall specify all details of the research design, field and laboratory work methodology (including mapping, geomorphological or other specialized studies, controlled scientific excavation methods, analyses of data recovered, and photographic documentation as appropriate), and report preparation.
- f) Upon receipt of a draft treatment plan, the NRC will submit the draft treatment plan to all signatories and consulting Tribes for a 45-day review and comment period. The NRC will consider any comments received in writing from consulting parties within the specified review period.
- g) The NRC may ask Powertech to revise the draft treatment plan based on comments received from the consulting parties. The NRC will forward revisions to the draft treatment plan and request for a second review by all signatories and consulting Tribes within a 30-day period.
- h) The NRC will then distribute the final treatment plan to SD SHPO for a 30-day review period, and copies of the plan will be distributed to consulting parties.
- i) Upon concurrence by the SD SHPO, or if the SD SHPO does not respond in writing within 30 days, the NRC shall direct Powertech to implement the treatment plan.
- j) If, after consultation, the NRC and the SD SHPO cannot agree on appropriate terms for the treatment plan, the NRC will refer the matter to the ACHP for comment pursuant to Stipulation 14—Dispute Resolution. The NRC will consider ACHP comments in making its final decision on measures to resolve the adverse effects.

6) Future Identification of Cultural Resources for Installation of Power Transmission Lines in Areas to be Determined:

- a) Powertech will notify the NRC and BLM in writing, if it determines that ground-disturbing activities will be required for the installation of electrical transmission lines outside the license boundary. Powertech must provide written notification at least four months prior to commencement of work, to enable the NRC and BLM to allocate staff resources for Section 106 reviews; additional review time may be necessary if NRC and BLM staff resources are limited or due to conditions beyond the staff's control.
- b) Powertech must provide the NRC, the BLM, and the SD SHPO a proposed work plan for a survey to inventory historic properties within the APE for each transmission line as part of the written notification. The plan will include methods for identification of all kinds of cultural properties within the transmission line corridor, including identification of properties of religious

and cultural significance with the involvement of the Tribes. The proposed plan should also include report preparation requirements and schedules for the identification efforts.

- c) The NRC will distribute the proposed work plan to the 23 consulting Tribes soon after it is received from Powertech.
- d) Upon receipt of the proposed Powertech work plan, the NRC, the BLM, consulting Tribes and the SD SHPO will review and provide comments on the plan within 30 days. The NRC will consider any comments received in writing from consulting parties within the specified review period. The NRC may ask Powertech to revise the draft work plan based on comments received from the consulting parties. The NRC will forward the revised plan to all consulting parties. A second review period of 30 days may be requested.
- e) Upon NRC approval of the work plan, Powertech will conduct surveys to identify historic properties along the transmission corridor within an appropriate APE. Powertech will also undertake necessary testing in order to propose NRHP-eligibility of any newly identified properties for NRC consideration. Survey and testing will be conducted under the supervision of individuals meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards. The report shall follow documentation standards outlined in 36 CFR § 800.11.
- f) Powertech shall offer to provide appropriate financial compensation to Tribal Representatives for the work on the identification of properties of religious and cultural significance. The identification of properties of religious and cultural significance will occur at the same time or prior to identification of archaeological properties.
- g) The NRC will consult with the 23 consulting Tribes on identification of properties of religious and cultural significance. This consultation could include various approaches such as an open site survey opportunity to identify and evaluate places of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes.
- h) Upon receipt of Powertech's completed survey report, the NRC will submit the findings to the BLM, SD SHPO, ACHP, and the consulting Tribes for a review and comment period of 45 days.
- i) The NRC may request revisions to survey reports or additional investigations, after consideration of timely comments made by BLM, SD SHPO, ACHP, and consulting Tribes. The NRC will provide revised documents to BLM, SD SHPO, and Tribes. A second review period of 30 days may be requested.
- j) The NRC will submit final determinations of NRHP-eligibility and effects to the SD SHPO for review and concurrence; this review will be completed within 30 days of the SD SHPO receiving complete information. The NRC will circulate copies of this correspondence to the other consulting parties. The NRC will consider any comments received within the 30-day period.
- k) When the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO agree evaluated properties are NRHP-eligible, avoidance of the properties will be the preferred option. When avoidance is not possible and adverse effects will result, adverse effects will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation 5—Resolution of Adverse Effects.
- l) If the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO make the determination that identified cultural resources are not eligible for listing on the NRHP, no further review or consideration of the properties will be required under this PA.

- m) When the NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land) and the SD SHPO disagree on NRHP-eligibility and the disagreement cannot not be resolved through further consultation and avoidance is not an option, the NRC will refer the issue to the Keeper and request a formal determination of eligibility, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(c)(2). The ACHP may also request referral of an NRHP-eligibility determination to the Keeper. The decision of the Keeper will be final.
- n) If a consulting Tribe that attaches religious and cultural significance to a property disagrees with an NRC (or BLM on BLM-administered land) eligibility determination, it may ask the ACHP to request the NRC or BLM to obtain a determination of eligibility from the Keeper in accordance with 36 § 800.4(c)(2).

7) Coordination with Other Federal Reviews:

Any federal agency that will provide approvals or assistance for the undertaking as presently proposed may comply with its Section 106 responsibilities for the undertaking by agreeing to the terms of this PA in writing and sending copies of such written agreement to all the signatories and consulting parties of this PA. Such agreement to the terms of this PA will not necessitate an amendment to the PA.

8) Confidentiality:

The NRC, BLM, and other parties to this agreement acknowledge the need for confidentiality concerning tribal spiritual and cultural information, which was or may be provided to the NRC and BLM during the consultation process. Information provided by consulting tribal representatives, which has been identified as sensitive and was accompanied by a request for confidentiality, will remain confidential to the extent permitted by state and federal laws.

All consulting parties shall restrict disclosure of information concerning the location or other characteristics of historic properties, as well as properties of religious and cultural significance to Tribes, to the fullest extent permitted by law in conformance with Section 304 of the NHPA, South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL), § 1-20-21.2, Section 9 of the ARPA, and Executive Order on Indian Sacred Sites 13007 (61 FR 26771; May 29, 1996).

9) Unanticipated Discoveries:

In the event a previously unknown cultural resource is discovered during the implementation of the Dewey-Burdock Project, all ground disturbance activities shall halt within 150 feet of the area of discovery to avoid or minimize impacts until the property is evaluated for listing on the NRHP by qualified personnel. The following additional steps shall be taken:

- a) Powertech will notify the NRC, the BLM (if the site is on BLM land), and the SD SHPO of the discovery within 48 hours. Unanticipated discoveries may include artifacts, bone, features, or concentrations of these materials outside previously identified sites, or in and adjacent to previously identified eligible and not eligible sites. Discoveries may also include stones and groups of stones that are out of place in their sedimentary contexts and may be parts of stone features. A “discovery” may also include changes in soil color and texture, or content suspected to be man-made, such as burned soil, ash, or charcoal fragments.

- b) The NRC and BLM (as appropriate) will contact the THPO and/or the Tribal Cultural Resource Office(s) to notify them of an unanticipated discovery soon after notification from Powertech is received.
- c) Powertech will have the discovery evaluated for NRHP eligibility by a professional who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards in Archaeology (36 CFR § 61).
- d) Powertech will provide results of evaluation and initial eligibility recommendation to the NRC and BLM within ten business days of the discovery. If Tribes want to participate in the evaluation efforts, they should contact Powertech within the specified review period.
- e) The NRC and/or BLM, in consultation with Tribes and other consulting parties, shall evaluate the cultural resources to determine whether they meet the NRHP criteria and request concurrence of the SD SHPO. Evaluation will be carried out as expeditiously as possible, not to exceed 5 business days.
- f) When the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO agree evaluated properties are NRHP-eligible, avoidance of the properties will be the preferred option. When avoidance is not possible and adverse effects will result, adverse effects will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation 5—Resolution of Adverse Effects.
- g) If the NRC, BLM, and SD SHPO, in consultation with the Tribes, make the determination that identified cultural resources are not eligible for listing on the NRHP, no further review or consideration of the properties will be required under this PA.
- h) Human remains identified during ground disturbance activities will be treated in accordance with Stipulation 10—Human Remains and Appendix D—Treatment of Human Remains on State, Private, and BLM Land.
- i) In the event of unanticipated discovery, Powertech may continue to work in other areas of the site; however, ground disturbance activities shall not resume in the area of discovery until the NRC and BLM have issued a written notice to proceed.

10) Human Remains:

- a) The NRC, BLM, and Powertech recognize human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and items of cultural patrimony encountered during ground disturbance activities should be treated with dignity and respect.
- b) Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or items of cultural patrimony found on BLM land will be handled according to Section 3 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR § 10). BLM will be responsible for compliance with the provisions of NAGPRA on Federal land.
- c) Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or items of cultural patrimony found on state or private land will be handled in accordance with applicable law as described in Appendix D – Treatment of Human Remains on State, Private, and BLM Land.
- d) Non-Native American human remains found on federal, state, or private land will also be treated in accordance with applicable state law.

11) Disposition of Archaeological Collections:

- a) BLM will curate artifacts, materials or records resulting from archaeological identification and mitigation conducted on BLM land at the Billings Curation Center, in accordance with the Billings Curation Center Packaging Requirements in accordance with 36 CFR § 79, “Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections.” BLM will consult with Tribes as required by 36 CFR § 79.
- b) Where testing or excavation is conducted on private land, any recovered artifacts remain the property of the landowner. Powertech will return the artifacts to landowners. Powertech will encourage landowners to donate the artifacts to the SD Archaeological Research Center or a Tribal entity, in coordination with the NRC, SHPO, and participating Tribes. Where a property owner declines to accept responsibility for the artifacts and agrees to transfer ownership of the artifacts to SD Archaeological Research Center or Tribal entity, Powertech will assume the cost for curating the artifacts in a facility meeting the requirements of 36 CFR § 79, “Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections.”

12) Qualifications:

The identification, evaluation, and mitigation of historic properties carried out pursuant to this PA shall be performed by or under the direct supervision of qualified individuals in the appropriate historic preservation discipline meeting, at a minimum, the appropriate standards set forth in 36 CFR § 61.

In recognition of the special expertise Tribal experts have concerning properties of religious and cultural significance, the standards of 36 CFR § 61 will not apply to knowledgeable, designated tribal representatives carrying out identification and evaluation efforts for properties of religious and cultural significance to Tribes.

13) Compliance Monitoring:

NRC affirms avoidance of adverse effects to historic properties remains the preferred course of action.

- a) Powertech will ensure employees and/or contractors involved in all phases of the Project are aware of and comply with the requirements of the PA. Powertech may use measures such as initial orientation training, as well as pre-job briefings to inform employees and contractors of their responsibilities under the PA. Compliance with this PA is a condition of the NRC license and a condition of the BLM Plan of Operations.
- b) Prior to initiating construction activities, Powertech will develop a Monitoring Plan specific to the project, identifying specific areas, activities, and if appropriate, historic properties that require monitoring during development of the Project, ensuring the requirements of this PA and the treatment plans developed under the provisions of Stipulation 5—Resolution of Adverse Effects are met. The monitoring plan will include provisions for annual reporting of the results of the monitoring program to the signatories and the consulting Tribes to this PA.
 - i. Powertech will provide the Monitoring Plan to the NRC, which will distribute it to the signatories and consulting Tribes to this agreement for a 30-day review and comment period.

- ii. The NRC will request that Powertech make any necessary revisions to the plan, and the revised Monitoring Plan will remain in effect for all covered ground-disturbing activities during the license period.
- c) Powertech will engage the services of a Monitor with specific responsibilities to coordinate the requirements of the monitoring plan, the treatment plans, and this agreement during project construction.
 - i. The Monitor will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications for Archaeology. Preference will be given to individuals meeting those qualifications who are employed by tribal enterprises, especially during phases of the monitoring program where sites with religious and cultural significance to the Tribes might be affected. In the case of an unanticipated discovery or imminent threat to a historic property (for which avoidance had been planned), the Monitor shall have authority to stop certain construction activities.
 - ii. The Monitor will coordinate with Powertech and its contractors during the construction phases of the Project.
- d) Powertech will provide periodic updates to all consulting parties on the status of the monitoring program as specified in Appendix C.

14) Dispute Resolution:

Should any signatory to this PA object in writing to any actions proposed or to the manner in which terms of the PA are implemented, the NRC shall consult with the party to resolve the objection. If the NRC determines the objection cannot be resolved, the NRC will:

- a) Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute, including the NRC proposed resolution, to the ACHP and send a copy to all other consulting parties. The ACHP shall provide NRC with its advice on the resolution of the objection within 30 days of receiving adequate documentation. Prior to reaching a final decision on the dispute, NRC shall prepare a written response that takes into account timely advice or comments regarding the dispute from the ACHP, signatories, concurring parties, and consulting parties, and provide a copy of this written response to them. NRC will then proceed according to its final decision.
- b) If the ACHP does not provide its advice regarding the dispute within the 30-day period, the NRC may make a final decision on the dispute and proceed accordingly. Prior to reaching a final decision, NRC shall prepare a written response that takes into account timely comments regarding the dispute from the signatories, concurring parties, and consulting parties, and provide them and the ACHP with a copy of such written response.
- c) NRC responsibilities under this Agreement, which are not the subject of the dispute, shall remain unchanged.

15) Amendment:

This PA may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy signed by all of the signatories is filed with the ACHP.

Concurring parties will be provided an opportunity to consult and comment on the proposed amendment. An amendment will be effective on the date the amended PA is signed by all of the signatories to this PA. If a required signatory does not sign the amended PA, the amendment will be void. The amendment shall be appended to this PA as an Appendix.

16) Termination:

- a) If any signatory to this PA determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out, that party shall immediately consult with the other parties to attempt to develop an amendment to the PA pursuant to Stipulation 15—Amendment. If within 30-days (or another period agreed to by all signatories) an amendment cannot be reached, any signatory may terminate the PA upon written notification to the other signatories.
- b) If this PA is terminated the NRC shall either (i) execute a new PA pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(c)(8) with signatories as defined in Section 800.6 (c)(1) of Title 36 or, (ii) the NRC shall request comments, take into account, and respond to the comments of the ACHP under 36 CFR § 800.7(c)(4). NRC shall notify the signatories as to the course of action it will pursue.
- c) After the termination of this PA and until the NRC completes consultation and a new PA is executed or the NRC has requested, taken into account, and responded to the comments of the ACHP under 36 CFR § 800.7(c)(4), Powertech is required to follow the terms and conditions of this PA for current ground-disturbing activities and is not permitted to begin any such activities in new areas.
- d) If the terms of this PA are satisfied prior to its expiration date, NRC shall provide written notification to the other signatories and consulting parties to close out this agreement.

17) Duration:

This PA shall remain in effect for 10 years from its date of execution (last date of signature), or until completion of the work stipulated, whichever comes first, unless extended by agreement among the signatories. During the effective period and prior to the expiration of the PA, the NRC may consult with the signatories and concurring parties to amend this stipulation to extend the duration of the PA, in accordance with Stipulation 15—Amendment.

18) Anti-Deficiency Act:

The stipulations of this Agreement are subject to the provisions of the Anti-Deficiency Act (Pub.L. 97–258, 96 Stat. 923; 31 U.S.C. §1341, Limitations on expending and obligating amounts). If compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act alters or impairs the ability of the NRC to implement this Agreement, the NRC will consult in accordance with the amendment and termination procedures in this Agreement.

Execution of this PA by the NRC, BLM, SD SHPO, ACHP, and Powertech and the implementation of its terms is evidence the NRC and BLM have taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and afforded the ACHP an opportunity to comment.

This PA may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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Required Signatories:

United States Bureau of Land Management

By: _____
Title: Marian M. Atkins, South Dakota Field Manager

Date: _____

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Required Signatories:

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office

By: _____
Title: Jay Vogt, State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: _____

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Required Signatories:

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

By: _____
Title: John Fowler, Executive Director

Date: _____

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Invited Signatories:

Powertech USA, Inc.

By: _____
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Concurring Parties:

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation

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Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

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Eastern Shoshone Tribe

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Flandreau-Santee Sioux Tribe

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Fort Peck Assiniboine/Sioux

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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Rosebud Sioux Tribe

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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

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Three Affiliated Tribes

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Yankton Sioux Tribe

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APPENDIX A

Appendix A – Federal Actions, Undertaking, and Area of Potential Effects

Federal Actions

On August 10, 2009, Powertech (USA), Inc. (Powertech) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a new source material license to construct and operate an In Situ Recovery (ISR) facility at the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project site and to conduct aquifer restoration, site decommissioning, and reclamation activities. Based on the application, the NRC's federal decision is to either grant or deny the license.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the NRC to issue licenses, either as a general or specific license, to qualified applicants for the receipt, possession, and use of byproduct and source materials resulting from the removal of uranium ore from its place of deposit in nature. An NRC specific license is issued to a commercial uranium or thorium ISR facility pursuant to the NRC implementing regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 40.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages public lands in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. BLM manages 97 ha [240 ac] of land within the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project area. The applicant controls the locatable mineral rights on this land through Federal Lode Claims and secures access to mineral rights through the terms of the General Mining Act of 1872. Under 43 CFR Subpart 3809, BLM is required to review the environmental impacts of federal actions to assure that there is no "unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands." BLM has requested to be, and is acting as, a cooperating agency with NRC to evaluate the impacts of the Plan of Operations for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project in accordance with the National Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies.

Undertaking: Project Location and Proposed Activities

The proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project is located within the Great Plains physiographic province on the edge of the Black Hills uplift. The proposed project area covers 4,282 ha [10,580 ac] and is composed of two contiguous areas: the Burdock area and the Dewey area (Figure 1.0). The Burdock area is located in the following townships and ranges: (i) Township 7 South, Range 1 East, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, and portions of Sections 14 and 15, and (ii) Township 6 South, Range 1 East, Sections 34, 35, and portions of Section 27. The Dewey area is located in the following townships and ranges: (i) Township 7 South, Range 1 East, Section 5 and portions of Section 4, and (ii) Township 6 South, Range 1 East, Sections 29, 30, and 32, and portions of Sections 20, 21, 28, 31, and 33. Approximately 4,185 ha [10,340 ac] of the proposed project area are in the hands of private landowners, while approximately 97 ha [240 ac] are U.S. government lands managed by the BLM (Powertech, 2009 a,b).

The applicant's proposed project will include processing facilities and sequentially developed wellfields sited in two contiguous areas: the Burdock area and the Dewey area. As uranium recovery activities cease at a wellfield, the area will be restored and reclaimed while a new wellfield and its supporting infrastructure is developed. Under the applicant's proposal, ISR methods will be used to extract uranium from sandstone-hosted uranium orebodies in the Fall River Formation and the Chilson Member of the Lakota Formation that make up the Inyan Kara Group. The extracted uranium will be loaded onto ion exchange (IX) resin at a central processing plant in the Burdock area and a satellite facility in the Dewey area. All processing of the uranium-loaded IX resin, precipitation, drying, and packaging of the final "yellowcake" product, will take place at the Burdock central processing plant.

Project Area of Potential Effects

The area of potential effect (APE) for the review of effects on historic properties at the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project may be directly or indirectly impacted by the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed project. The APE for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project coincides with the extent of potential ground disturbance resulting from proposed facility construction and operational activities. The introduction of new visual, auditory, or other sensory elements also has the potential to diminish the integrity of historic properties in the project area.

The extent of the APE for facility construction and operations will depend on the disposal option used at the proposed project to dispose of liquid waste. The applicant plans to dispose of liquid wastes generated during uranium recovery operations through deep injection wells, land application, or a combination of both methods. The APE for facility construction and operations for all the liquid waste disposal options totals 1,067 ha [2,637 ac] (Figure 1.0). This area includes a 969 ha [2,394 ac] buffer zone surrounding 98.3 ha [243 ac] of projected areas for the plant facilities, wellfields, ponds, roads, and pipelines. If land application is used for liquid waste disposal, the APE for facility construction and operations will include an additional maximum area of approximately 506 ha [1,250 ac] surrounding proposed land application areas (Figure 1.0). The proposed land disturbance breakdown for deep injection wells and land application options are listed below:

Under the Deep Injection Well option, a total of 243 acres will be disturbed.

Facilities/Infrastructure	Surface Disturbance
Site Buildings	9.7 ha [24 ac]
Trunkline Installation	10.1 ha [25 ac]
Access Roads	8.5 ha [21 ac]
Wellfields	56.7 ha [140 ac]
Impoundments (ponds)	13.4 ha [33 ac]
Total	98.3 ha [243 ac]

Source: Powertech (2010a)

Under the Land Disposal Option an additional 1,188 acres will be disturbed (see breakdown below).

Facilities/Infrastructure	Surface Disturbance
Site Buildings	9.7 ha [24 ac]
Trunkline Installation	10.1 ha [25 ac]
Access Roads	8.5 ha [21 ac]
Wellfields	56.7 ha [140 ac]
Impoundments (ponds)	55.0 ha [136 ac]
Irrigation Areas	425.7 ha [1,052 ac]
Total	565.7 ha [1,398 ac]

Source: Powertech (2010a)

The extent of the APE for visual impacts (indirect effects) includes areas within a 4.8 km [3 mi] radius of the central processing plant in the Burdock area and the satellite processing facility in the Dewey area (see Figure 1.0). The central processing plant and satellite processing facility will be the tallest buildings constructed at the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project site. Based on proposed locations of the central processing plant and the satellite processing facility, the APE for visual impacts will extend a maximum

of 2.33 km [1.45 mi] from the eastern project boundary in the Burdock area and a maximum of 2.7 km [1.7 mi] from the western project boundary in the Dewey area (see Figure 1.0).

Development of a Programmatic Agreement

The NRC determined a phased process for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA is appropriate for this undertaking, as specifically permitted under 36 CFR § 800.4(b)(2). Powertech has not determined the location and extent of ground-disturbing activities associated with the installation of electrical transmission lines necessary for this project. As a result, completion of identification, evaluation, effects determination, and consultation concerning measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects of historic properties will be carried out in phases, as set forth in this Programmatic Agreement (PA).

Additionally, the need for land application method of waste disposal is still undetermined. Although the applicant's preferred method for disposal of waste is by deep injection well, if a permit is not obtained from EPA for deep injection well method, the applicant will pursue land application of treated liquid effluent. If the capacity of either method is limited, the applicant will pursue a combination of both deep injection and land application method. For this reason, the precise locations of possible future disturbances within the boundary of the land application waste disposal option are unknown, limiting completion of the effects determination for those historic properties identified within this boundary. Because avoidance is the preferred method to preserve cultural resources, phasing the evaluation and effects determination for these sites until the applicant determines that the land application option is necessary will limit unnecessary field testing for eligibility.

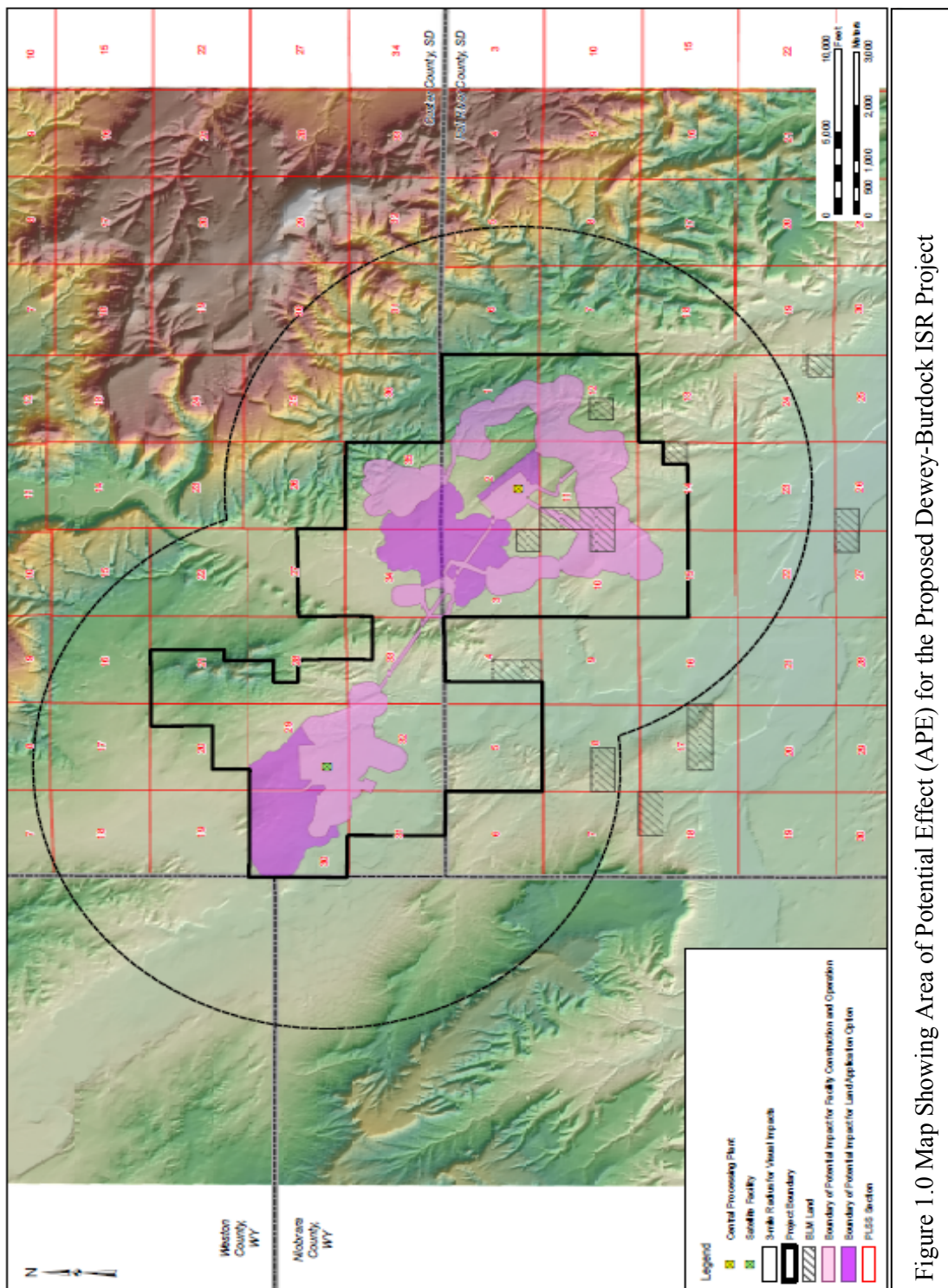


Figure 1.0 Map Showing Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project

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APPENDIX B

Appendix B – Cultural Resource Identification and Consultation Efforts

1. Class III Archaeological Investigations

The NRC staff reviewed the Class III cultural resource investigations and evaluative testing reports prepared by the Archaeology Laboratory, Augustana College (ALAC) on behalf of the applicant for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project (Kruse, et al., 2008; Palmer and Kruse, 2008; Palmer 2008, 2009, 2012). The investigations included an archival and historic review of available sources, a search of Archaeological Research Center-maintained records and collections, and review of published field reports. A review of available data shows that six surveys have been conducted within the project boundary of the proposed Dewey-Burdock site (Kruse, et al., 2008). A total of 57 archaeological sites were previously recorded within the proposed project area (Kruse, et al., 2008).

Field investigations of the proposed project area were conducted by pedestrian surveys of 4,173 ha [10,311 ac] between April and August 2007 and an additional 526 ha [1,300 ac] between July and September 2008. The 2007 and 2008 field investigations included evaluative testing at 43 sites. In 2011, additional evaluative testing at 20 unevaluated sites located within the project boundary provided data for recommendation on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility (Palmer and Kruse, 2012). As a result of the evaluative testing, one site, 39FA1941, was recommended as eligible for listing on the NRHP and 19 sites were recommended as ineligible for listing on the NRHP (Palmer and Kruse, 2012). Results of the Class III cultural resource investigations are presented in the following sections.

Archaeological Sites

NRC reviewed site data on over 200 archaeological sites recorded within the proposed project area. During the field investigation, a number of small, individual sites were combined into larger, single sites. Fifteen archaeological sites within the APE, including two containing cairns and burials, have been recommended as eligible for listing on the NRHP. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SD SHPO) has previously concurred with the sites recommended eligible to the NRHP under one or more criteria of eligibility in Table A (SD SHPO, 2012). As a result of additional information obtained from Tribal representatives, an eligibility recommendation for one of the fifteen sites (39CU0584) has been updated and is presented in Table 1.0.

The SD SHPO reviewed and concurred on the NRC and the BLM determinations of eligibility for the cultural resources identified within and adjacent to the 10,580-acre project boundary. These properties include tribal properties and archaeological sites. The eligibility determinations are listed in Table 1.0.

Table A: List of Archaeological Sites Within the Proposed APE Recommended Eligible for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*

Historic Property (Site Number, Structure Identification, or Historic District)	Description	NRHP Determination
39CU0271	Native American and Archaic artifact scatter and occupation site on a ridge slope with a cairn feature	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0577	Native American/Euroamerican Occupation site; artifact scatter	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0584	Native American occupation site and burial on a ridge slope	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU2735	Archaic- Prehistoric occupation site	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0578	Native American/Euroamerican Dump and occupation site on a ridge slope	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0586	Native American and Late Archaic occupation site on a ridge crest	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0588	Native American occupation site on a ridge crest	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU2733	Native American hearth and artifact scatter on a ridge slope	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU2738	Native American occupation site on a ridge crest	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0590	Native American artifact scatter on a ridge saddle	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU0593	Native American and Euroamerican occupation and artifact scatter on a hill slope	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU3592	Native American artifact scatter and hearth site	Eligible, Criterion D
39FA1941	Native American artifact scatter and hearth site	Eligible, Criterion D
39CU2000	Historic Railroad	Eligible, Criteria A and C
39FA2000	Historic Railroad	Eligible, Criteria A and C
Sources: Kruse, et al. (2008); Palmer and Kruse (2008, 2012); Palmer (2009) *Recommended eligible by ALAC and NRC. SD SHPO has concurred with these recommendations (SD SHPO, 2012).		

2. Tribal Cultural Survey Results

In June 2011, at the first face-to-face meeting between the NRC and interested Tribes, consulting Tribal Representatives requested a traditional cultural property (TCP) survey be conducted to identify places of religious and cultural significance to Tribes that could be affected by the proposed project. To facilitate the identification of TCPs, the NRC communicated the Tribes' request for a field survey to the applicant and worked toward scheduling and conducting the survey. In October 2011, the NRC provided consulting Tribes with maps of all known archaeological sites and requested information from the Tribes on how to obtain information on properties of significance to the Tribes, including the implementation of tribal surveys.

Between February and November 2012, the NRC consulted with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) and other Tribal Representatives, the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer (SD SHPO), BLM, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and SRI Foundation (the applicant's consultant) on developing an approach for identifying historic properties of cultural and religious significance to Tribes. After numerous communications via teleconferences, solicitation of and negotiations on proposed work plans, and exchanges of letters and emails, the consulting parties were unable to reach agreement on the scope of field investigations and compensation for the TCP survey (see additional discussion under Tribal Consultation section of the Appendix B).

In December 2012, the NRC staff advised all consulting Tribes that the Dewey-Burdock site would be open for interested Tribes to conduct on-the-ground surveys in the spring of 2013.¹

On February 8, 2013, the NRC staff invited the participation of 23 Tribes interested in the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project in a field survey of the entire project area to identify properties of religious and cultural significance to Tribes. In the spring of 2013, the Dewey-Burdock project site was open to each consulting Tribe and each Tribe was invited to conduct a field survey implementing its own survey methodology. The NRC invited interested Tribes to investigate any areas within the 4,282 ha [10,580 ac] Dewey-Burdock site during the month of April 2013. Financial support was offered for three representatives; although additional surveyors could participate. The Tribes were asked to respond to the NRC no later than March 12, 2013.

Seven Tribes participated in the field survey at the proposed Dewey-Burdock site; they were the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Crow Nation, and Santee Sioux Tribe. The NRC staff received detailed written reports with NRHP-eligibility recommendations from three of the seven Tribes who participated in the tribal cultural surveys (Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma). The Crow Nation provided the NRC staff field notes identifying sites of interest to the Crow Nation.² A detailed list of sites identified during the tribal field survey is presented with management recommendations below in Table 1.0. The survey reports prepared by the Tribes, and the maps recording the location of the properties identified during the tribal cultural survey are on file at NRC and at each of the respective tribal offices.

The tribal survey teams identified new artifact discoveries or cultural features of interest to Tribes at 24 previously reported archaeological sites, as well as 47 additional locations. In total, the tribal survey teams identified and investigated 71 tribal sites. A number of the 47 new discoveries identified by Tribes are adjacent to known archaeological sites and current archaeological site boundaries could be expanded to include these new discoveries. In addition, several new discoveries are located in close proximity to one another and may be culturally-related.

Most of the new discoveries identified in the tribal cultural surveys are evaluated as individual tribal sites. For some discoveries Tribal experts provided information identifying tribal association to the newly discovered features and known archaeological sites, as well as or links between groups of individual tribal cultural features and this information is provided in the summary Table 1.0.

Tribal Review of Previously Reported Archaeological Sites

Tribal survey teams recorded 81 cultural features within the boundaries of 24 known archaeological sites. Many of the cultural features recorded by tribal survey teams correspond to features identified in the archaeological surveys; however, many of the features represent new discoveries. Tribal teams also made specific NRHP-eligibility recommendations for four archaeological sites that were investigated during the tribal survey, but which did not produce new cultural features.

¹ Letter to Tribal Leaders Responding to Comments Received Regarding Tribal Survey, Dewey-Burdock ISR Project. (December 14, 2013) (ADAMS Accession No. ML12335A175).

² The Tribes submitting reports and field notes requested the original reports be maintained by the NRC as confidential information, due to the sensitive religious, ceremonial, and spiritual information they contain. Summaries of the reports, with confidential information withheld, were distributed to all parties to the Section 106 consultation; the information is contained in this Appendix.

Tribal Sites: New Discoveries

A total of 47 new discoveries were recorded as a result of the tribal cultural survey. Forty-four represent individual tribal sites or individual cultural features and each discovery was assigned an individual survey number. Three tribal sites represent associated cultural features within a single site. For example, 11 separate GPS readings were taken to record the location of individual stones that make up a single stone feature (TS080-TS089, TS098). Five associated tribal features (TS007-TS011) are part of another tribal site. One cultural feature was assigned duplicate survey numbers (TS041 and TS042).

Twelve of the 47 newly discovered cultural features were identified outside the license boundary. Five features were discovered on private land (TS024, TS061, TS062, TS075, TS079), five discoveries are located on BLM property (TS125, TS126, TS127, TS128, TS129), and two discoveries are located on U.S. Forest Service property (TS106, TS107). Sites TS107 and TS125 were identified as possible gravesites. TS106 and TS107 were recommended as eligible for listing on the NRHP under criteria A and C. Eligibility recommendations were not provided for the other 10 cultural features or sites. Thirty-five of the new discoveries are located within the project license boundary. Ten of these tribal sites have been recommended as NRHP-eligible under one or more eligibility criteria. TS002, TS118, and TS120 are eligible for listing under Criterion A. TS145 is recommended as eligible under Criterion D. TS007-011 is recommended as eligible under Criteria A and D. TS040, TS041-TS042, TS047, and TS080-T089, TS098 are recommended as eligible under Criteria A and C. TS006, a gravesite, is recommended as eligible under Criteria A, C, and D.

NRHP recommendations were not provided for 25 of the 35 new discoveries recorded within the project license boundary (TS003, TS005, TS023, TS028, TS030, TS036, TS037, TS048, TS049, TS050, TS051, TS052, TS063, TS064, TS065, TS066, TS090, TS091, TS092, TS093, TS094, TS095, TS097, TS131, and TS144). These features include isolated artifact finds, animal bone concentrations, stone circles, cairns, and possible fasting sites. TS023, TS048, TS049, TS050, and TS131 were identified during the field survey as possible gravesites. The NRC recommends that the applicant avoid these sites because they may contain human remains, although Tribes have not recommended these sites for listing on the NRHP.

3. Visual Effects Assessment (indirect effects)

In consultation with the SD SHPO and other consulting parties, the NRC staff completed an assessment of the project's potential visual impacts on historic properties (i.e., properties of any type listed in or considered eligible for listing on the NRHP). This assessment considered whether the construction of the central processing plant and satellite facility would have a visual effect on historic properties. The study assessed whether the introduction of new visual changes in the form of new processing facilities could diminish the aspects of integrity that qualify an historic property for inclusion on the NRHP. NRC's assessment considered potential visual effects on the integrity of each property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association, in accordance with the Section 106 regulations at 36 CFR 800.5(a)(1). Setting, feeling, and association are generally those aspects of integrity considered most sensitive to visual intrusions and these aspects of integrity and thus, are most likely to contribute to the historic significance of historic properties considered eligible under criteria A, B, or C. Integrity of setting is not usually deemed a contributing characteristic for properties eligible under Criterion D alone, i.e., based only on the historic information they provide).

NRC's assessment of visual effects included historic properties situated within a 4.8 km [3-mi] radius of the tallest or most prominent building within each processing facility. The assessment includes historic properties located within the license boundary, as well as those outside the boundary. The 4.8 km [3 mi]

radius was adopted after: (i) consultation with the SD SHPO, (ii) consultation with BLM, and (iii) evaluation of a earlier assessment done for the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad (DM&E) Powder River Basin Expansion project (HDR Inc., 2009). Because the proposed project is in close proximity to the state of Wyoming, the NRC staff consulted with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) to determine whether evaluating properties located within a 4.8 km [3 mi] radius of the processing facilities would be acceptable for purposes of assessing potential visual effects on significant cultural and historical properties in the eastern portion of Wyoming. The WY SHPO staff agreed with the NRC proposed research approach.

For the evaluation of potential visual effects to historic properties in South Dakota, the NRC staff compiled a list of 31 historic properties listed on the NRHP or eligible for listing on the NRHP under criteria A and/or C. No historic properties within the project area were found to qualify as significant under Criterion B. Historic properties eligible for the NRHP solely under Criterion D were not evaluated for potential visual effects. Because such properties are significant for the important historic information they provide, rather than their setting, feeling, and association and they are unlikely to be affected by visual changes. The 31 historic properties include one NRHP-listed historic district, the Edna and Ernest Young Ranch (90000949) also known as the Bakewell Ranch (CU00000050). The Young Ranch historic district encompasses several ranch buildings, including the principal residence, which contribute to its significance. A nearby homestead district, known as the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052), is considered not eligible, but it includes one individually eligible log barn (CU02500002). Other NRHP-eligible properties are an historic bridge (Beaver Creek Bridge, FA00000111), 19 archaeological sites, and 9 tribal sites.

The Beaver Creek Bridge (Structure FA00000111) is located southwest of the project boundary, but falls within the 4.8 km [3 mi] radius for visual impacts from the central processing plant. It is the only historic property outside the license boundary evaluated as part of the visual effects determination. Two rock art sites in Fall River County (39FA2530, 39FA2531) are located just outside the 4.8 km [3 mi] range for the central processing plant. No other NRHP-listed or eligible properties were identified outside the license boundary. Table 1.0 summarized identified sites impact determination.

A review of NRHP listings for the State of Wyoming and state inventory records on file at the Wyoming Cultural Records Office at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming reveal one NRHP-eligible property in Wyoming within the 4.8 km [3 mi] radius of the proposed satellite facility. The environmental setting of the Wyoming property is not among the characteristics that contribute to its cultural and historical significance, and for this reason the property was not included in the line-of-sight (LOS) study. NRC determined no further consultation with the Wyoming SHPO is warranted for this project.

4. Tribal Consultation

The federal government and the State of South Dakota recognize the sovereignty of federally recognized Indian Tribes. Pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, federal agencies must consult and coordinate with each tribal government that may have an interest in a proposed federal action. Executive Order 13175 (November 2000), *“Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,”* excludes, “independent regulatory agencies, as defined in 44 U.S.C. §3502(5)” from the requirements of the Order. Section 8 of the Order states, “Independent regulatory agencies are encouraged to comply with the provisions of this order.” Although the NRC is explicitly exempt from the Order, the Commission remains committed to its spirit. The agency has demonstrated a commitment to the objectives of the Order, by implementing a case-by-case approach to interactions with Indian tribes, which encourages

both the NRC and Tribal governments to initiate outreach and communication on issues of mutual interest.

As part of its Section 106 obligations found in the regulations at 36 CFR §800.2(c)(2)(B)(ii)(A), the NRC provides Indian Tribes:

a reasonable opportunity to identify its concerns about historic properties, advise on the identification and evaluation of historic properties and evaluation of historic properties, including those of religious and cultural importance, articulate its views on the undertaking's effects on such properties, and participate in the resolution of adverse effects.

The NRC staff formally initiated the Section 106 consultation process for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project in March, 2010³.

The SD SHPO identified 20 Native American tribes that might attach historic, cultural, and religious significance to historic properties within the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project area and provided this information to the NRC. The NRC staff contacted the 20 tribal governments by letters dated March 19, 2010; September 10, 2010; and March 4, 2011. The NRC staff invited the Tribes to participate as consulting parties in the NHPA Section 106 process and requested assistance in identifying tribal historic sites or cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed action. Specifically, the NRC staff solicited information regarding properties of religious and cultural significance to Tribes. The Tribes contacted were:

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Oglala Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe—South Dakota
- Yankton Sioux—South Dakota
- Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidasta, and Arikara Nation)—North Dakota
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa—North Dakota
- Spirit Lake Tribe—North Dakota
- Lower Sioux Indian Community—Minnesota
- Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux—Montana
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe—Montana
- Northern Arapaho Tribe—Wyoming
- Eastern Shoshone Tribe—Wyoming
- Santee Sioux Tribe—Nebraska

³ In November 2009, the NRC staff offered to meet with the Oglala Sioux Tribe while the staff was in South Dakota for information gathering meeting with other federal and local governments in December 2009. The NRC was advised by Oglala Sioux Tribal representative that Tribal leadership was in transition and the Tribe would be unable to meet with the NRC in December 2009. (ADAMS Accession No. ML102380609).

- Ponca Tribe—Nebraska
- Crow Tribe—Montana

The NRC staff contacted the Cheyenne and Arapaho, the Pawnee, and the Omaha Tribes in February 2013, after it was brought to the attention of the NRC staff that these Tribes also had historical and cultural links to the proposed project area.

By letter dated April 7, 2010, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa–North Dakota responded to NRC and stated that the proposed project would not have an effect on historic properties of importance to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. The THPO also stated that “determination of No Historic Properties Affected is granted for the project to proceed”.

The NRC staff continued its efforts to engage in consultation with Tribes that might be affected by the proposed action with follow-up telephone calls and by sending emails to gather information related to identification efforts and coordinate meetings.

On September 10, 2010, the NRC staff invited the Tribes to participate in a consultation to facilitate the identification of areas on the proposed Dewey-Burdock site the Tribes believe have traditional religious or cultural significance. The NRC staff followed up with telephone calls and emails to confirm Tribal officials received the correspondence.

By letter dated September 20, 2010, Mr. Perry “No Tears” Brady of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations–North Dakota) responded that the tribe had determined there would be no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources important to the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations within the proposed project area.

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe (on November 2, 2010), Rosebud Sioux Tribe (on November 7, 2010), Lower Brule Sioux Tribe (on November 15, 2010), and the Yankton Sioux Tribe (on December 3, 2010) requested to become consulting parties to the proposed project. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and Rosebud Sioux THPOs recommended that the NRC consult with the all tribal representatives as a group and suggested that the Oglala Sioux Tribe host a meeting on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Yankton Sioux THPO requested face-to-face consultation and expressed concerns regarding protection of traditional cultural properties (TCPs) within the project area. While the term TCP does not appear in the NHPA or its implementing regulations, many of the Tribes apply this term to historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. The NRC uses the term in this context.

By letter dated January 31, 2011, the Oglala Sioux THPO accepted the invitation to participate as a consulting party and stated that the proposed Dewey-Burdock project represents a substantial potential threat to the preservation of cultural and historic resources of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The THPO stated the proposed project site is located within an area of which Sioux Tribes, along with the Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Crow, and Arikara Tribes, possess intimate cultural knowledge. The THPO stated impacts from the proposed project may include not only site-specific physical impacts, but also intangible impacts to the integrity of the area from cultural, historical, spiritual, and religious perspectives. The letter also requested NRC assistance in facilitating a site visit and regional meeting to provide all affected Tribes an opportunity to review and identify the cultural and historic resources at stake.

Mr. Hubert B. Two Leggings (Crow Tribal Cultural Resource Director/Renewable Resource Supervisor) of the Crow Tribe of Montana responded by email on March 9, 2011, indicating the Dewey-Burdock Project

area has religious and cultural significance to the Crow Tribe. Mr. Two Leggings accepted the invitation to participate in formal consultation with the NRC, stating the Crow Tribe would be a consulting party.

By letter dated May 12, 2011, the NRC staff invited THPOs and/or Cultural Resources Officers to an information gathering meeting on June 8, 2011, at the Prairie Winds Casino and Hotel on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The purpose of the meeting was to help the NRC identify tribal historic sites and cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project, the Crow Butte North Trend, and Crow Butte License Renewal ISR Projects in Nebraska. Representatives of six Tribes, the Oglala Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Flandreau-Santee Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Cheyenne River Sioux, and Rosebud Sioux attended. BLM and SD SHPO staff also attended.

During the June 8, 2011 meeting, Tribal officials expressed concerns about the identification and preservation of historic properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to Tribes at the proposed Dewey-Burdock and Crow Butte sites. Tribal officials stated historic and cultural resource studies of the sites should be conducted with tribal involvement. The SD SHPO stated Tribal representatives would need access to the Dewey-Burdock site to assist in the identification of historic properties. A transcript of this meeting is available through the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System database on the NRC website (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>).

In conjunction with the information gathering meeting, the applicant hosted a visit to the Dewey-Burdock ISR Project site on June 9, 2011. Tribal officials, the NRC staff, BLM, SD SHPO, and South Dakota Historical Society Archaeological Research Center (ARC) staff interacted with the applicant's personnel and archaeologists from Archaeology Laboratory of Augustana College during the site visit. The Level III cultural resource evaluations at the site were conducted by the Archaeology Laboratory of Augustana College. The Dewey-Burdock site visits included a presentation of the proposed project identifying the location of facilities and wellfields. The Augustana College staff provided an overview of the results of archaeological and cultural evaluations. At the conclusion of the presentations, participants toured the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project site. The group visited several locations to view and investigate cultural and historic features identified during the Level III cultural resource evaluations, including stone circles and rock alignments.

To facilitate the identification of possible historic properties of importance to Indian Tribes within the APE, the NRC began efforts to open the Dewey-Burdock site to tribal representatives for a field survey. On August 12, 2011, the NRC staff requested the applicant submit a written plan for acquiring information on historic properties within the APE.

By letter dated October 28, 2011, the NRC staff advised the Tribes the applicant would undertake studies and surveys to gather information on properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to Tribes, as permitted under 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4). The letter informed the Tribes that the applicant had engaged the services of SRI Foundation (SRI) of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, to collect information concerning historic properties that may be located in the proposed project area. The NRC authorized SRI, acting on behalf of the applicant, to contact Tribes to obtain information. However, the NRC affirmed it was legally responsible for all findings, determinations, and for maintaining government-to-government relationships with the involved Tribes.

By letter dated January 19, 2012, the NRC staff invited the THPOs to a tribal consultation held on February 14–15, 2012 at the Ramkota Best Western Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota. Officials from 13 Tribes (Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux, Crow Tribe of Montana, Eastern Shoshone, Fort Peak Assiniboiné Sioux, Northern Arapaho, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Yankton Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux, Santee Sioux Nation, and Standing Rock Sioux) attended. In addition,

the applicant, SRI consultants, the NRC, BLM, and EPA Region 8 staffs attended. At the meeting the NRC sought information on the general types and descriptions of historic properties of religious and cultural significance that were likely to be affected by the proposed project. The NRC asked how these properties could be identified and evaluated, as part of the ongoing consultations under Section 106 of NHPA.

During the February 14–15, 2012 meeting, Tribal representatives: (i) raised the need for the NRC to keep information on TCPs confidential and protected from disclosure to others; (ii) discussed developing a confidentiality agreement before submitting any traditional cultural studies to the NRC; (iii) asked that future meetings indicate the decision-making authority of the participants; (iv) volunteered to develop project-specific statements of work (SOWs) to conduct traditional religious and cultural properties studies at the proposed Dewey-Burdock project; and (v) requested a meeting be held March 14-15, 2012, to review the draft SOWs.

The NRC scheduled the March meeting, however, scheduling conflicts of many tribal representatives, led to the cancellation of the March 14–15, 2012 meeting. The NRC staff transmitted the applicant's SOW for the Dewey-Burdock project to the THPOs on March 9, 2012 and proposed a teleconference to discuss the proposed SOW in April 2012. On April 5, 2012, the NRC staff invited the Tribes to participate in an April 24, 2012 teleconference, to discuss the applicant's SOW to identify historic properties of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes.

On April 24, 2012, the NRC staff held a teleconference with staff from Powertech, Cameco, SRI, SD SHPO, EPA Region 8, BLM, the Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Northern Arapaho, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Standing Rock Sioux, Yankton Sioux, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The consulting parties discussed the applicant's SOW: (i) the adequacy of compensation for tribal representatives conducting the fieldwork, (ii) the need for the NRC to recognize the confidentiality of information gathered by the Tribes, (iii) the amount of acreage to be covered during fieldwork, and (iv) how to accomplish tribal involvement in making NRHP-eligibility determinations.

Also discussed at the April 24, 2012 teleconference, was plan for accomplishing the tribal survey. The parties agreed that: (i) tribal representatives would continue development of a draft tribal SOW; (ii) the THPOs would hold an intertribal teleconference to discuss a draft tribal SOW; (iii) a copy of a draft tribal SOW would be submitted to the NRC, after approval by all tribal officials; (iv) the NRC would distribute a draft tribal SOW to consulting parties (applicant, BLM, EPA, and SD SHPO); (v) the NRC would arrange another meeting for consulting parties to finalize an SOW, agreeable to the parties, for the identification of potential historic properties; (vi) the applicant would make the Dewey-Burdock site available to the Tribes to conduct field survey; (vii) written preliminary and final reports identifying TCPs and presenting tribal views on effects of the undertaking on these properties would be submitted to the NRC after completion of the survey; and (viii) the NRC would consider the tribal information in preparing its assessment of effects on properties under NHPA and its impact determination pursuant to NEPA. The tribal participants requested two tribal specialists be permitted access to the Dewey-Burdock site for a preliminary survey to obtain information needed to complete a detailed proposed SOW. The tribal reconnaissance of the Dewey-Burdock site took place on May 26, 2012.

On June 19, 2012, the Tribes submitted a preliminary tribal SOW for a field survey to identify properties of religious and cultural significance at the Dewey-Burdock site. The draft SOW proposed a 100 percent survey of the entire 10,580-acres of the site and the survey interval for the pedestrian survey was set at five meters or less. The draft SOW did not include estimates of the duration of the survey, the number of

field workers, or the overall cost of the survey effort⁴. Subsequently, the NRC staff held teleconferences on August 9, 2012 and August 21, 2012, to solicit details on the tribal SOW, as well as discuss the differences between the applicant's SOW⁵ and the tribal SOW. Tribal Representatives, the NRC staff, Powertech, SRI, SD SHPO, EPA Region 8, and BLM participated in these teleconferences. Discussions centered on: (i) defining the areas of potential effects (direct and indirect) that would be included in the proposed surveys, (ii) the need to provide survey cost estimates, and (iii) the need to develop a survey schedule that supported the NRC licensing and environmental review schedules. The Tribes participating requested an opportunity to revise the applicant's proposed SOW. At the close of the August 21, 2012 teleconference, the NRC staff agreed to meet with tribal representatives in Bismarck, North Dakota on September 5, 2012, in order to develop plans for completion of a TCP field survey in the fall of 2012.

The applicant informed the NRC by letter dated August 29, 2012, that it was unable to reach an agreement with the Tribes on the terms of a SOW for the field survey. The applicant stated it had been unable to obtain additional information from Tribal representatives concerning properties of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes and therefore was unable provide information on these properties to the NRC. The applicant believed additional efforts to negotiate a mutually acceptable SOW was unlikely to be productive. The applicant, however, offered approximately \$100,000.00 in financial assistance to tribal representatives to carry out fieldwork and reporting activities. The applicant committed to working with the NRC and BLM to provide access for Tribal representatives to the project area to carry out work agreed to by the Tribes.

On September 5, 2012, the NRC staff met with representatives of the Yankton Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala Sioux, and the Crow Nation Tribes at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. During this meeting, participants discussed how to proceed with development of a SOW to identify religious and cultural properties within the APE. The APE is the area in which properties of cultural significance may be affected by the undertaking. Direct effects (such as destruction, damage, or alteration of all or part of a property) and indirect effects (such as visual, audible, and atmospheric changes that affect the character or setting of a property) would be identified and evaluated. All consulting parties agreed a survey was necessary for historic property identification. The parties agreed to consult further on developing a SOW that would identify properties directly and indirectly affected by the proposed project. The consulting parties agreed the area of potential indirect effect might include properties well beyond the proposed license area. In addition, the parties acknowledged the need to prepare a Programmatic Agreement (PA) to protect historic properties from future disturbances outside of areas directly affected by the proposed project.

By letter dated September 18, 2012, the NRC staff requested that consulting Tribes to designate a preferred contractor, who would submit a survey proposal on their behalf. The NRC staff stipulated a cost estimate based on the area of direct effect for the initial phase of the Dewey-Burdock project be included in the proposal. The NRC request also responded to four NHPA-related concerns raised by the Tribes attending the September 5, 2012 meeting. The NRC agreed to develop a PA in consultation with the Tribes, in order to address phased identification and evaluation of historic properties. The NRC committed to continue consultation with all the parties on all issues arising under Section 106 of the NHPA, including potential indirect effects. The NRC committed to maintain the confidentiality of religious, spiritual, and ceremonial information provided by the Tribes, to the fullest extent allowed by

⁴ The draft SOW included hourly rates for tribal surveyor(s), crew leader(s), and traditional cultural expert(s). However, because the SOW did not specify the number people that would be involved in the survey and how long the survey would take, the cost of the survey effort could not be developed.

⁵ The applicant revised the Tribes' draft SOW. The NRC distributed the applicant's revised SOW to the tribes and offered to host a teleconference to discuss the differences.

law. The NRC invited the Tribes to suggest an alternative method for estimating survey costs if coverage rate for estimating cost are not acceptable to the Tribes.

On September 27, 2012, Makoche Wowapi/Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP submitted a tribal proposal and cost estimate for a tribal field survey of approximately 2,637 acres of the Dewey-Burdock site (the 243 acres expected to undergo ground disturbance plus 969 acres of buffer zone) to the NRC. This contractor had been selected by some of the consulting Tribes to complete the cultural resources survey.

On October 4, 2012, the NRC transmitted the Makoche Wowapi/Mentz-Wilson proposal and cost estimate to the applicant for review and comment. While the proposed schedule for completion of the field survey coordinated with the timeframe for completion of the NRC environmental review, the proposal did not contain a work plan or a description of field methods and associated costs.

The NRC staff collected comparative cost information for on-the-ground surveys conducted by other federal agencies. The NRC staff used this information when it reviewed the SOWs submitted for the Dewey-Burdock project. Costs estimates were obtained for federal projects in the northern Plains region. One included costs for ethnographic studies and partial ground surveys; another included the costs for conducting field visits only to known sites. Cost estimates provided by the applicant were based on comparison with archaeological field surveys conducted by cultural resource management teams. The costs associated with archaeological and partial on-the-ground surveys reviewed by the NRC staff ranged between \$20/acres to \$60/acres. No exact comparison was therefore available, but NRC noted that the estimated cost per-acre submitted by Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLC was approximately 5 to 15 times greater than that other survey efforts. The NRC staff considered the Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP cost estimate to be unsupported by the proposal details and the level of effort appropriate for Dewey-Burdock identification⁶.

The NRC informed the Tribes by letter dated October 12, 2012, of the significant differences between the Makoche Wowapi/Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP proposal and the proposal the applicant set out in its August 29, 2012 letter. The NRC indicated resolving these differences would not allow completion of a field survey at the Dewey-Burdock site in the fall 2012. The NRC requested that the Tribes provide their ideas on alternative methods⁷ for identifying potential properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to the Tribes. The NRC suggested alternative identification methods might include opening the site to interested tribal specialists over a period of several weeks with payment for survey costs made to individual Tribes or seeking ethnohistoric and ethnographic information from tribal specialists in interviews at tribal headquarters.

Between October 15, 2012 and October 20, 2012, the NRC staff received letters and email from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe opposing the NRC request for alternative identification approaches. These Tribes maintained that only level of effort for identification at Dewey-Burdock was on ground survey of 100 percent of the entire license boundary performed by tribal personnel.

On October 19, 2012, the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribe in collaboration with Kadramas, Lee, & Jackson (KLJ), a private consulting firm from North

⁶ Since 2012, the NRC conducted on-the-ground surveys for two projects that used the same approach implemented in the DB project.

⁷ Many of the consulting Tribes reject archaeological survey methods that incorporate landform patterning or “predictive modeling” of site locations for TCP identification. For this reason, the NRC requested that the Tribes propose alternative methods for TCP identification.

Dakota, proposed a field survey of the 1,067 ha [2,637 ac] APE for ground disturbance. The proposal included investigation of previously recorded archaeological sites, use of light detection and ranging mapping technology to locate potential rock alignments, cairns, and other stone features, and a systematic pedestrian survey of the project area. The level of effort presented in the KLJ proposal was reasonable and appropriate to the project area. The KLJ proposal estimated costs that were in line with the range of survey costs obtained for other tribal surveys identified by the staff for other projects.

The NRC staff confirmed the proposed KLJ survey effort would be led by two current THPOs and one former THPO employed by KLJ. In addition, the KLJ survey effort welcomed participation of other Tribes and recommended additional compensation be provided for other Tribal surveyors. For these reasons, the NRC endorsed the level of effort represented by the KLJ proposal and recommended the applicant consider contracting with KLJ to lead the survey effort at the Dewey-Burdock site. To ensure all interested Tribes would have the opportunity to participate in the survey, the NRC staff requested that the applicant provide additional financial support for representatives from other Tribes. The applicant agreed to provide additional financial support for one representative for each interested Tribe, in addition to providing payment for the KLJ proposal. Additional tribal representatives would also be allowed to participate, but without compensation.

On October 31, 2012, the NRC sent a letter to the THPOs endorsing the KLJ survey approach. The letter invited all consulting Tribes to participate in the survey, noting that compensation was available for one representative per tribe. The KLJ survey proposal provided each participating tribe an independent opportunity to identify historic properties, to gather relevant information, and to provide independent recommendations regarding the NRHP eligibility of properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to the Tribes.

The NRC staff received written objections on the survey proposed by KLJ from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe, and Yankton Sioux Tribe. The Tribes stated the NRC's endorsement of the KLJ proposal ignored the views on how to conduct on-the-ground surveys held by some Tribal representatives. Specifically, that: (i) the Dewey-Burdock field survey must include the entire project area, not the area directly affected by the proposed project; (ii) the field survey must be conducted by qualified tribal representatives, not archaeologists; and (iii) survey approaches based on predictive modeling are not appropriate for identifying tribal sites. The Tribes also asserted the NRC did not consult in good faith because Tribal perspectives on field surveys were not fully accepted by the NRC. Several Tribes asserted the Three Affiliated Tribes and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians are unsuited to conduct field identification for cultural places because earlier in the Section 106 process they advised the NRC the project posed no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources important to them.

On December 6, 2012, the KLJ withdrew its survey proposal by telephone. On December 17, 2012, KLJ withdrew its TCP survey proposal in writing.

In its December 14, 2012 letter, the NRC staff addressed the objections raised to the KLJ survey proposal. All consulting parties were notified that KLJ would not conduct the proposed survey work. The NRC advised the parties it would move forward with an alternative approach for identifying cultural places, which would include a field survey component. The NRC postponed the field survey until spring 2013. The NRC reiterated its intention to develop a PA and invited all interested consulting parties to provide information relevant to the development of a PA.

On February 8, 2013, the NRC staff invited 23 Tribes, including the Cheyenne and Arapaho, Pawnee, and Omaha, to participate in an on-the-ground field survey in the spring of 2013. The NRC staff proposed

April 1 through May 1, 2013, as survey dates, described procedures for site access, and identified the compensation for survey participation. Tribal Representatives were encouraged to focus survey efforts on portions of the proposed license area that would be physically disturbed by the project; participants were advised survey teams would have access to the entire project boundary within the allowable time. Compensation for per diem and mileage expenses for a maximum of three Tribal Representatives from each participating Tribe would be paid by the applicant. In addition, an unconditional grant of \$10,000 would be paid to each participating Tribe. A field survey report would be submitted to the NRC, after the completion of the fieldwork. The report would include: (i) a discussion of the areas examined; (ii) a description of each individual property examined; (iii) an evaluation of NRHP-eligibility for each individual property examined; (iv) any recommendation concerning criteria of NRHP-eligibility for previously reported archaeological site within the license area that had been visited during the field survey; and (v) recommendations for appropriate avoidance buffers or possible mitigation measures in cases where properties recommended as NRHP-eligible could be adversely affected by the proposed project. The Tribes interested in participating in the survey were requested to respond by March 12, 2013.

On February 20, 2013, the NRC staff received a letter from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in response to the NRC letter of February 8, 2013. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe objected to the survey approach. The Standing Rock THPO and tribal archaeologist asserted the NRC was not consulting in good faith because the NRC did not involve the Tribes when developing the current proposal for an on-the-ground survey for the identification of tribal places when in fact the NRC has asked for the Tribes input since October 2012. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe also commented on the Section 106 process for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR project.

The Dewey-Burdock field survey for the identification of traditional properties of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes began on April 1, 2013. Seven Tribes participated in the field survey: the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, Crow Nation, Crow Creek Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho of Oklahoma, Santee Sioux, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. Heavy snow required the suspension of survey work on April 9, 2013. Work resumed on April 29, 2013 and was extended through May 24, 2013; the total field investigation spanned 36 calendar days.

On April 24, 2013, the NRC staff formally invited the ACHP to become an active consulting party in the Section 106 process for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR Project.⁸ The NRC provided ACHP with a summary and chronology of its Section 106 consultation efforts.

On May 7, 2013, the NRC received a letter from the Oglala Sioux Tribe that was dated March 22, 2013.⁹ The letter stated the proposed date for the start of the field survey, April 1, 2013, did not allow sufficient time to seek the formal authorization of the Oglala Tribal Council. The Tribe also objected to the field survey methodology, stating its view that funds allocated for the fieldwork were insufficient. The Tribe believed the NRC lacked cultural sensitivity. The Oglala Sioux Tribe did not believe direct and indirect effects on cultural resources and burial grounds would be fully assessed. And the Tribe was worried intellectual property generated during the survey would not be adequately protected. Finally, the Oglala Sioux Tribe requested formal government-to-government consultation with the NRC.

⁸ Letter to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation re: Update on Section 106 Activities for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock In situ Uranium Recovery project in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota and a Request for Guidance and Clarification (ADAMS Accession No. ML13017A077).

⁹ The letter was addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was stamped received by the EPA on April 19, 2013. EPA forwarded this letter to the NRC on May 7, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13141A362).

On May 23, 2013, the NRC staff hosted a government-to-government meeting to discuss proposed uranium recovery projects currently under NRC licensing review. The NRC invited tribal leaders or designated representatives of more than 30 Tribes to consult with NRC management on issues related to uranium recovery projects. The NRC organized the meeting because several Tribes requested formal government-to-government consultation. The government-to-government meeting took place at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. The Northern Cheyenne and Standing Rock Sioux THPOs attended in person, while the Cheyenne River Sioux, Yankton Sioux and Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate THPOs called in for this meeting. Only the Northern Cheyenne THPO stated he was the official Tribal Representative.

Between June 24, 2013 and July 25, 2013, the Cheyenne and Arapaho, Northern Arapaho, and Northern Cheyenne Tribes submitted survey reports to the NRC. The NRC staff received field notes from the Crow Tribe; however, NRHP eligibility recommendations for identified sites were not provided. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes survey report, dated June 24, 2013, documented sites of religious and cultural significance identified by tribal representatives on April 23 to 25, 2013, and April 30 to May 2, 2013. NRHP-eligibility and mitigation recommendations for each identified site were included in the report. The Northern Arapaho survey report documented sites identified during surveys conducted from April 29, 2013 through May 9, 2013. The report included NRHP-eligibility and mitigation recommendations, and identified areas of importance to the Northern Arapaho Tribe, areas with no surface activity, areas the Tribe would like to have access to, and areas that should be avoided by equipment and pedestrian traffic. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe report dated July 25, 2013, described its survey methodology, summarized the survey results, and included NHPA-eligibility recommendations. Tribal Cultural Heritage Forms for ten cultural properties identified or investigated during the survey were included in the Northern Cheyenne report. The forms provide specific NHPA-eligibility recommendations and identify the eligibility criteria on which the Tribe relies.

On December 16, 2013, the NRC staff requested the SD SHPO's concurrence on NRC's NRHP-eligibility recommendations. The NRC staff enclosed non-confidential summaries of the Tribal survey reports.

On December 23, 2013, non-confidential summaries of the Tribal survey reports and the NRC's initial NRHP-eligibility determinations were sent to all 23 consulting Tribes and a 30-day review and comment period was provided.

On January 14, 2014, the SD SHPO advised the NRC of its concurrence on the NRHP-eligibility recommendations made by the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML14014A307).

Since initiating consultation in March 2010, the NRC staff conducted three face-to-face meetings, three teleconferences with Tribal Representatives, and has exchanged many emails, letters, and telephone calls as discussed above. The NRC staff informed each of the 23 consulting Tribes of all consultation activities, however, participation at individual meetings and teleconferences has varied; generally between 7 and 13 Tribal Representatives participate in an activity.

The NRC staff will continue to consult with BLM, SD SHPO, and the consulting Tribes on all issues arising under Section 106 of the NHPA. The NRC staff will also consult with ACHP as necessary.

The NRC staff invited the 23 consulting Tribes to participate in the development of a PA and provided opportunities for the Tribes to review and comment on the successive drafts of the PA. The NRC staff hosted four webinars for the consulting parties to discuss the content of the PA. In advance of each

webinar, the NRC staff distributed the working draft PA to facilitate discussion. During these webinars, consulting parties discussed methods to implement the remaining of the Section 106 process such as future identification and evaluation of cultural resources, treatment of unanticipated discoveries including human remains, development of treatment plans to resolve adverse effects, and the disposition of cultural resources. Consulting parties revised the draft PA as appropriate during the webinar.

The NRC staff was notified on February 11, 2014 that some Tribal Representatives were unable to attend the February 14, 2014 webinar. The NRC hosted the webinar as planned, but added a webinar on February 21, 2014 to accommodate those Tribes that had a schedule conflict.

If Tribal Representatives were unable to attend the webinar scheduled for February 21, 2014, the NRC requested their comments by February 20, 2014 so that their comments can be discussed during the meeting. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe submitted extensive comments on the PA on February 20, 2014, supplementing their February 5, 2014 submission. During the February 21 webinar, among other things, the Standing Rock tribal archaeologist expressed his concerns about NRHP-eligibility determinations of archaeological sites with tribal features as well as tribal sites that could be impacted in the future. The Standing Rock tribal archaeologist requested that Tribes be permitted to consult on these tribal sites, even if tribal experts from other Tribes had not recommended them as NRHP-eligible. The NRC suggested another conversation with the Standing Rock Tribe to discuss the tribal comments.

On February 27, 2014, representatives of the NRC, the ACHP, and the SD SHPO consulted by teleconference with Standing Rock Sioux tribal archeologist. The NRC staff stated that it planned to incorporate into the PA the Standing Rock comments on eligibility determinations and other comments on ways to continue the involvement of the consulting Tribes. In response to tribal comments, the NRC changed the classification of some tribal sites from not eligible for listing on the NRHP to unevaluated. This change will require consultation with the Tribes prior to any ground disturbing activities that could affect the sites.

The participants of each webinar were:

Webinar Participants	11/15/13	12/13/13	12/17/13	02/14/14	02/21/14
ACHP	X	X	X	X	X
SD SHPO Project Review Officer	X	X		X	X
BLM Montana office	X	X	X	X	X
BLM SD Field office	X	X	X	X	
EPA R8	X	X	X	X	
Oglala Sioux Tribe	X			X	X
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	X	X			X
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe		X	X		
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe				X	
Standing Rock Tribe ¹⁰					X
Powertech and its consultant	X	X	X	X	X
NRC and its consultant	X	X	X	X	X

¹⁰ The Standing Rock Tribe attended this meeting but made it clear that they were attending in protest of the meeting.

Table 1:0 NRC Determinations of Eligibility and Impact Analysis for Previously Recorded Archaeological Sites and Tribal Sites – Dewey-Burdock Project

			Potential Effects				
Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's (on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹¹	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
CU02500002	Building 1 (Log Barn) at the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052)	Eligible A	No	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Found eligible for listing on NRHP in April 2012 under Criterion A. Site located ~76 m [250 ft] south of land application areas. Site will be fenced off to ensure avoidance.
39CU3602 TS119	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Viewshed obstructed by tree cover
39CU3607 TS116-117	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Viewshed obstructed by tree cover
39FA1881	Artifact Scatter; Cairn	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Partially screened by topography; other modern intrusions. Site will be avoided
39FA1890 TS012	Artifact Scatter; Cairn; 2 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Facilities not visible from property. Site will be avoided
39FA1927	6 Cairns	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Facilities not visible from property. Site will be avoided
39FA1952 TS123-124	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Site will be Avoided
TS002	stone circle	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions
TS118	hearth	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Viewshed obstructed by tree cover
TS120	hearth	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Site will be avoided; other modern visual intrusions
CU00000050	Bakewell Ranch/ Edna and Ernest Young Ranch Historic District (90000949)	Eligible A C	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (visual)	Listed on the NRHP. Historic property will be avoided
39CU0459 TS108-111	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; 4 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Site will be avoided. The boundary for 39CU0459 includes two smaller Artifact Scatters: 39CU0461 and 39CU0528. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU2000	Railroad	Eligible A C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect	Site crosses proposed wellfield areas;

¹¹ Unevaluated archaeological sites are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion D pending further evaluative testing.

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						(DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	site will be avoided. Setting is confined to narrow corridor along railroad.
39CU3600 TS114-115	Artifact Scatter; Stone Alignment	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern obstructions. Site will be avoided Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU3604 TS121-122	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; Stone Circle	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU3620	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; Cairn	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Viewshed obstructed by tree cover. Site will be Avoided. Partly located on USFS property. ALAC boundary may be expanded to include TS106 and TS107 Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS106	fasting circle	Eligible A	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on USFS Property 40 meters outside license boundary. Possibly associated with 39CU3620. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS107	modern grave and circle	Eligible A	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible gravesite. Located on USFS Property 60 meters outside license boundary. Possibly associated with 39CU3620 Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39FA1926 TS067-074, TS076-078	Artifact Scatter; 6 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Facilities not visible from property. Site will be avoided Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39FA2000	Railroad	Eligible A C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Site crosses proposed wellfield areas. Setting is confined to narrow corridor along railroad.
TS040	ceremonial site	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Partially screened by timber; other modern intrusions. Site will be avoided. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS041-042	ceremonial site	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Partially screened by timber; other modern intrusions. Site will be avoided. Tribes also recommended this site as

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							eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS047	ceremonial site	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Site is located more than 3 miles from nearest processing facility. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS080-089, TS098	stone feature	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Mostly screened by topography; other modern intrusions. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU0584 TS043-046, TS053, TS132-140	Occupation; Burial; 14 Tribal Features	Eligible A D	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Viewshed obstructed by tree cover. Site will be avoided. Avoid as possible gravesite. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS006	Cairn	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Avoid as gravesite. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C & D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU3567 TS031-33, TS141	Artifact Scatter; Stone Circle; 4 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Avoidance. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39FA2530	Rockshelter, Rock Art, Artifact Scatter	Eligible A D	No	No	NA	No effect	Located outside license boundary but within APE for visual effects
39FA2531	Rock Art	Eligible A D	No	No	NA	No effect	Located outside license boundary but within APE for visual effects
TS007-011	stone circle	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. TS007-TS011 may be considered a single site. Tribes also recommended TS009 as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39FA1862 TS112-113	Artifact Scatter; Cairn, Stone Circle 2 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	No	Yes	No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Site will be avoided. Located outside license boundary.
FA00000111	Bridge 24-020-020 over Beaver Creek	Eligible C	No	No	No	No Effect	NR Status per CRGRID; Located outside license boundary
39CU0271 TS019 TS035 TS130	Occupation; Hearth; 3 Tribal Features; Possible Gravesite	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	This site is adjacent to proposed land disturbance. Avoid as possible gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations

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39CU0577	Occupation site; artifact scatter	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU0586	Occupation	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU0588	Occupation	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU0590	Artifact Scatter	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU0593	Occupation; Artifact Scatter	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU2733	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU2735	Occupation	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU2738	Occupation	Eligible D	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU3592	Artifact Scatter	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located within a proposed wellfield area. Site will be fenced off to ensure avoidance
39FA1941	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located east of the proposed Burdock central processing plant within a proposed wellfield area.
39FA1955	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1958	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1965	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
TS061	stone circle	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on or near license boundary
TS062	effigy	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Outside license boundary
TS075	cairn	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located 60 meters outside license boundary
TS079	stone circle	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located 230 meters outside license boundary
TS125	burial	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible gravesite. Located on BLM Property 60 meters outside license boundary
TS126	staff	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM Property 180 meters outside license boundary
TS127	fasting site	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM Property 200 meters outside license boundary
TS128	fasting site	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM Property 200 meters outside license boundary
TS129	fasting site/ring	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM Property 290 meters outside license boundary
39CU0032A	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU0456	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of proposed land disturbance

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39CU0457	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of proposed land disturbance
39CU0460	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of proposed land disturbance
39CU0530	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; Cairn	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of proposed land disturbance. Site will be avoided, no impact anticipated.
39CU0554	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	No	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW)	This site is within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing
39CU0556	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of proposed land disturbance.
39CU0558	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	This site is within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing
39CU0561	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of proposed land disturbance
39CU0653	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Site within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing.
39CU3564	Quarry; Cairn	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU3565	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3574 TS021-22	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; 1 Tribal Feature, scraper	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
39CU3584 TS025-027, TS-029	Artifact Scatter; Cairn	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. SHPO recommended this site remain unevaluated in 2012.
39CU3585	Artifact Scatter and Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3586	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3587	Artifact Scatter; Burial	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated
39CU3597	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3599	Nonfarm Ruins; Artifact Scatter; Depression. Foundation	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities

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39CU3601	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3603	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Evaluative testing recommended
39CU3605	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be Avoided
39CU3606	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided
39CU3611	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3612	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3615	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Evaluative testing recommended
39CU3619	Farmstead; Artifact Scatter	unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	SHPO recommends that this site be considered as unevaluated until further studies are done taking into account four standing structures: CU-025-00001, CU-025-00002, CU-025-00003, CU-025-00004,
39CU3623	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3624	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located less than 30.5 m [100 ft] from a proposed wellfield area. Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoidance recommended until testing is complete.
39CU3772	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3776	Artifact Scatter; Rock Shelter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3779	Artifact Scatter; Rock Shelter; Hearth	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3813	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3817	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3818	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3819	Depression; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities

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39CU3821	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39CU3822	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA0096 TS001, TS004, TS013	Occupation; Artifact Scatter; Nonfarm Ruins; Dump; Burial; 2 Tribal Features	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	This site was divided into 8 areas when ARC testing was conducted in 2012. Tribes identified area 1 and 6 within 39FA0096 as eligible under A. A portion of the land is on BLM administered land. BLM recommends this site remain unevaluated until further information is obtained to validate eligibility under A. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary Viewshed obstructed by tree cover; other modern intrusions.
39FA0110	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA0269	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities. Located on BLM administered Land. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary
39FA0270	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA0274	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0275	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA0556	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0740	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0777	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0778	Farmstead	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA1859	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1863	Artifact Scatter; Cairn, Stone Circle; Alignment	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site Will be Avoided. Located outside license boundary
39FA1864	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located outside license boundary
39FA1870	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1874	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1880	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoid until testing completed

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39FA1882	Town Site, Road, School Foundation	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1892	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1896	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities Located on BLM administered Land. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary
39FA1902	Artifact Scatter; Well/Cistern; Burial; Road	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible gravesite
39FA1912	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1920	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located ~30.5 m [110 ft] from a proposed wellfield area. Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoidance recommended until testing is complete.
39FA1922 TS014-017	Artifact Scatter; Stone Circle; 4 Tribal Features	Unevaluated	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Facilities not visible from property. Site will be avoided. Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends this site remain unevaluated until further information is obtained to validate eligibility under A. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary. Tribes recommended this site eligible under A & C.
39FA1923 TS018, TS142-143	Artifact Scatter; Monument; 3 Tribal Features	unevaluated	No	No	Yes	No Effect	Facilities not visible from property. Site will be avoided. Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends this site remain unevaluated until further information is obtained to validate eligibility under A. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary. Tribes recommended this site eligible under A & C.
39FA1928	Rock Shelter; Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1932	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside the license boundary
39FA1933	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1935	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1938	Artifact Scatter; Stone Alignment	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1940	Stone Circle	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities

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39FA1964 TS099-105	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; Cairn	unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site Will be Avoided. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS024	stone circle	Unevaluated	No	No	NA	No Effect	Outside license boundary. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS145	Prayer/offering location	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	No	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Precise location is not known. Located within an 80-acre parcel. Would require relocation to assess potential for site avoidance. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU0251 TS096	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; 1 Tribal Feature	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3572 TS034	Artifact Scatter; Stone Circle; at least 1 Tribal Feature	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3576 TS020	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3593 TS055	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3596 TS054	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS005	Isolated find (flake)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS028	stone circles (3); campsite; ceremonial site	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS030	stone circle	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS093	possible cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from

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TS094	cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS095	disturbed cairn (modern survey marker)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS144	cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
CU02500001	Building 4 at the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	Yes	No Effect	
CU02500003	Building 7 at the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	Yes	No Effect	
CU02500004	Building 9 at the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	Yes	No Effect	
CU00000052	Richardson Homestead	Not Eligible	No	Yes	Yes	No Effect	
39CU0451	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU0461	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided; This site is part of 39CU0459
39CU0462	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided
39CU0463	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU0464	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU0528	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided; This site is part of 39CU0459
39CU0531	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided
39CU0532	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided
39CU0557	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	

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39CU0559	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU0560	Foundation	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU0578	Dump; Occupation	Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided, no impacts anticipated.
39CU0585	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU0648	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3561	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3562	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3563	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3566	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3568	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3569	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3570	Isolated Find (originally recorded as a quarry)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3571	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3573	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3575	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3577	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3578	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3579	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3580	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3581	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3582	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3583	Artifact Scatter; Depression	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3588	Quarry	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	

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39CU3589	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3590	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3591	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3594	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3595	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3598	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3608	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3609	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3610	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39CU3613	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3614	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3616	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3617	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3618	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3621	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3622	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3771	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3773	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3774	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3775	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3777	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	

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39CU3778	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No		No Effect	
39CU3780	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3781	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3782	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3783	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3810	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3811	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3812	Artifact Scatter; Cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. GPS coordinates for this feature were recorded by the NATHPO only. Feature should probably be considered an extension of 39CU3812. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
39CU3814	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3815	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3816	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3820	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39CU3823	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA0097	Artifact Scatter; Farmstead	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA0174	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA0251	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA0272	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA0273	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA0557	Farmstead	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA0558	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA0578	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends no further work or protection for this site

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39FA0584	Farmstead; Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1860	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1861	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1865	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1868	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1869	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1871	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1872	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1873	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1875	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1876	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1877	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1878	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1879	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1883	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1884	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1885	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1886	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1887	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1888	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1889	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1891	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Site will be avoided. This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1893	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends no further work or

			Potential Effects				
Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's(on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹¹	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
							protection for this site
39FA1894	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends no further work or protection for this site
39FA1895	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1897	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No effect	Located on BLM administered Land. BLM recommends no further work or protection for this site
39FA1898	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1899	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1900	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1901	Artifact Scatter; Well/Cistern	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1903	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1904	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1905	Artifact Scatter; Depression	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1906	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1907	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1908	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1909	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1910	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1911	Artifact Scatter; Nonfarm Ruins	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1913	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1914	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1915	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1916	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	

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Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's(on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹¹	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
39FA1917	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1918	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1919	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1921	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1924	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1925	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1929	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Outside License Boundary
39FA1930	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Outside License Boundary
39FA1931	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1934	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1936	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1937	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	Yes	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1939	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1943	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Outside License Boundary
39FA1944	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	Yes	Yes	NA	No Effect	
39FA1953	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1954	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1956	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1957	Isolated Find	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1959	Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1960	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	
39FA1961	Hearth; Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	

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Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's(on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹¹	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
39FA1962 TS056-060	Artifact Scatter; stone circle; cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	NATHPO report attributes these identifications to the Cheyenne. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
39FA1963	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
39FA1966	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	This site is outside of land disturbance activities
TS003	Buffalo bones	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded site but did not make eligibility recommendations.
TS023	burial	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible Gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS036	small cairn or marker	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS037	small cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS048	burial	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible Gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS049	burial	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible Gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS050	burial	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible Gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS051	fasting site	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS052	stone circle	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS063	No identification	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS064	stone circle	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS065	fasting site	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. This feature is believed to be the site identified by the NATHPO as the "small cairn"
TS066	cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS090	cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located outside but near 39CU3622. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS091	ceremonial site	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Located outside but near 39CU3621. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS092	cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations

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Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's(on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹¹	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
TS097	cairn	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
TS131	possible graves	Not Eligible	No	No	NA	No Effect	Avoid as possible gravesites. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations

Table 2:0 NRC Determination of Potential Adverse Effect Analysis for Previously Recorded Archaeological Sites and Tribal Sites – Dewey-Burdock Project

Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's(on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹²	Potential Effects			NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
			DDW	LA	Visual		
CU02500002	Building 1 (Log Barn) at the Richardson Homestead (CU00000052)	Eligible A	No	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Found eligible for listing on NRHP in April 2012 under Criterion A. Site located ~76 m [250 ft] south of land application areas. Site will be fenced off to ensure avoidance.
TS120	hearth	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Site will be avoided; other modern visual intrusions
39CU2000	Railroad	Eligible A C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Site crosses proposed wellfield areas; site will be avoided. Setting is confined to narrow corridor along railroad.
39CU3604 TS121-122	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; Stone Circle	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39FA2000	Railroad	Eligible A C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Site crosses proposed wellfield areas. Setting is confined to narrow corridor along railroad.
TS080-089, TS098	stone feature	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Mostly screened by topography; other modern intrusions. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under C, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU3567 TS031-33, TS141	Artifact Scatter; Stone Circle; 4 Tribal Features	Eligible A	No	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. Avoidance. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
TS007-011	stone circle	Eligible A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	Other modern intrusions. TS007-TS011 may be considered a single site. Tribes also recommended TS009 as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU0271 TS019 TS035 TS130	Occupation; Hearth; 3 Tribal Features; Possible Gravesite	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	This site is adjacent to proposed land disturbance. Avoid as possible gravesite. Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations
39CU3592	Artifact Scatter	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located within a proposed wellfield area. Site will be fenced off to ensure avoidance

¹² Unevaluated archaeological sites are considered eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion D pending further evaluative testing.

			Potential Effects				
Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's (on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹²	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
39FA1941	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Eligible D	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located east of the proposed Burdock central processing plant within a proposed wellfield area.
39CU0554	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	No	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW)	This site is within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing
39CU0558	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	This site is within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing
39CU0653	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Site within proposed land disturbance. Recommend evaluative testing.
39CU3584 TS025-027, TS-029	Artifact Scatter; Cairn	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. SHPO recommended this site remain unevaluated in 2012.
39CU3603	Artifact Scatter; Hearth	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Evaluative testing recommended
39CU3615	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Evaluative testing recommended
39CU3624	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located less than 30.5 m [100 ft] from a proposed wellfield area. Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoidance recommended until testing is complete.
39FA0096 TS001, TS004, TS013	Occupation; Artifact Scatter; Nonfarm Ruins; Dump; Burial; 2 Tribal Features	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)/No Adverse Effect (Visual)	This site was divided into 8 areas when ARC testing was conducted in 2012. Tribes identified area 1 and 6 within 39FA0096 as eligible under A. A portion of the land is on BLM administered land. BLM recommends this site remain unevaluated until further information is obtained to validate eligibility under A. BLM requires 200 ft. avoidance buffer around the site boundary Viewshed obstructed by tree cover; other modern intrusions.
39FA0274	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0556	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0740	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA0777	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing

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Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's (on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹²	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
39FA0778	Farmstead	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Recommend Evaluative Testing
39FA1880	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoid until testing completed
39FA1920	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Site located ~30.5 m [110 ft] from a proposed wellfield area. Site will undergo further evaluative testing. Avoidance recommended until testing is complete.
TS145	Prayer/offering location	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	No	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Precise location is not known. Located within an 80-acre parcel. Would require relocation to assess potential for site avoidance. Tribes also recommended this site as eligible under D, however, SHPO requires further documentation to concur with this recommendation.
39CU0251 TS096	Artifact Scatter; Hearth; 1 Tribal Feature	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3572 TS034	Artifact Scatter; Stone Circle; at least 1 Tribal Feature	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3576 TS020	Artifact Scatter	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3593 TS055	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
39CU3596 TS054	Isolated Find (originally recorded as an Artifact Scatter)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS005	Isolated find (flake)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS028	stone circles (3); campsite; ceremonial site	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS030	stone circle	Unevaluated	No	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to

			Potential Effects				
Site Number	Type of Site	NRC's/BLM's (on BLM land) NRHP Determination ¹²	DDW	LA	Visual	NRC's Effect Determination	Comments/Recommendations
							unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS093	possible cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS094	cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS095	disturbed cairn (modern survey marker)	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.
TS144	cairn	Unevaluated	Yes	Yes	NA	Adverse Effect (DDW and LA)	Tribes recorded the site but did not provide eligibility recommendations. Eligibility changed from not eligible to unevaluated based on comments from Standing Rock Tribe.

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APPENDIX C

Appendix C – Reporting Criteria for the Monitoring Plan

- a) On or before January 1 of each year following the commencement of operations, unless the consulting parties agree in writing that the terms of this PA have been fulfilled, Powertech shall prepare and provide a report to the NRC detailing how the applicable terms of the PA are being implemented.
- b) Powertech shall provide an annual report for the first five years, and every third year thereafter, as long as the PA remains in effect, unless the required signatories agree to another time period for reporting.
- c) Upon NRC acceptance of this implementation report, Powertech shall provide copies of the report to all participating agencies and consulting parties, requesting their views on the report.
- d) The agencies and consulting parties may provide comments on the report to Powertech within 30 days of receipt of the report. Powertech will compile and distribute all comments received within 30 days to the agencies and consulting parties,
- e) If any of the required signatories or a majority of the consulting parties so request, Powertech shall coordinate a conference call with all participating agencies and consulting parties to review implementation of the terms of this PA, to assess the outcomes achieved, and/or to discuss issues raised in the implementation report. The conference call shall be coordinated within 30 days after the request.

APPENDIX D

Appendix D – Treatment of Human Remains on State, Private, and BLM Land

- 1) In the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains or funerary objects on State or Private Land, the following steps shall be taken pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law Chapter 34-27-25, 34-27-28, 34-27-31:
 - a) The Facilities Manager shall immediately halt construction activities within a 150-foot radius from the point of discovery (protection zone) and implement measures to protect the discovery from looting and vandalism. Construction activities may continue outside this protection zone. No digging, collecting or moving human remains or other items shall occur in the protection zone after the initial discovery. Protection measures would include the following.
 - 1) Flag the buffer zone around the find spot.
 - 2) Keep workers, press, and curiosity seekers away from the find spot.
 - 3) Cover the remains with a tarp or other protective covering.
 - 4) Prohibit photography of the find unless requested by an agency official or law enforcement officer.
 - 5) Station an individual at the location to prevent further disturbance until a law enforcement officer arrives.
 - b) The Facilities Manager shall notify local law enforcement, the **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)** and the South Dakota State Archaeologist (State Archaeologist) within 48 hours of notification by the Facilities Manager. The NRC will notify the BLM as a courtesy.
 - c) The **NRC** shall notify the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Indian Tribes, and other consulting parties within 48 hours of the discovery.
 - d) If local law enforcement determines that the remains are not associated with a crime, the **NRC** shall determine if it is prudent and feasible to avoid disturbing the remains. If the **NRC** in consultation with the **Powertech** determines that disturbance cannot be avoided, the **NRC** shall consult with the State Archaeologist, SHPO, Indian Tribes, and other consulting parties to determine acceptable procedures for the removal, treatment and disposition of the burial or remains. The **NRC** shall ensure that the **Powertech** implements the plan for removal, treatment and disposition of the burial or remains as authorized by the South Dakota State Archaeologist.
 - e) The **NRC** shall notify **Powertech** that they may resume construction activities in the protection zone upon completion of the plan authorized by the State Archaeologist.
- 2) In the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains or funerary objects on BLM Administered Land, the following steps shall be taken according to NAGPRA as outlined in the Stipulation 11(b): Human Remains of the Programmatic Agreement (PA).
 - a) The **On-site manager/Contractor** shall immediately halt construction activities within a 150 foot radius from the point of discovery (protection zone) and implement measures to preserve all finds in place and protect the discovery from looting and vandalism. Construction activities may continue outside this protection zone. No digging, collecting or moving human remains or other items shall occur in the protection zone after the initial discovery. Protective measures could include the following:
 - 1) Preserve the find in place.

- 2) Flag the buffer zone around the find spot.
- 3) Keep workers, press, and curiosity seekers away from the find spot.
- 4) Tarp the find spot.
- 5) Prohibit photography of the find unless requested by an agency official.
- 6) Have an individual stay at the location to prevent further disturbance until a BLM federal agency representative arrives.

b) The **On-site Manager/Contractor** shall notify the **U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM on BLM administered land)**. Immediately contact the BLM official of the discovery by telephone or email. The official would include BLM Law Enforcement, BLM Field Office Manager, BLM Archaeologist, BLM Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, or BLM State Tribal Coordinator.

c) The **BLM** shall notify the Local Law Enforcement, South Dakota State Archaeologist, South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Indian Tribes, NRC, and other consulting parties within 48 hours of the discovery.

d) Inadvertent discovery of Native American remains and objects. In the event the human remains are of Native American descent then the agency will follow protocol as set forth in NAGPRA, 43 CFR 10, Subpart B.

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B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Please include Docket ID NRC-2020-0255 in your comment submission.

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If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Additional Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a DG in the NRC's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency's regulations, to explain techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and to describe information that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

This DG, titled, "Implementation of Aging Management Requirements for Spent Fuel Storage Renewals," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-3055 (ADAMS Accession No. ML20282A298). This draft guide is a proposed new regulatory guide (RG) 3.76. Regulatory Guide 3.76 describes an approach that is acceptable to the staff of the NRC by endorsing, with clarifications, the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance in NEI 14-03, Revision 2, "Format, Content and Implementation Guidance for Dry Cask Storage Operations-Based Aging Management," issued December 2016.

This new RG provides guidance to industry for complying with and implementing the requirements for spent fuel storage renewals in part 72 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Licensing

Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste, and Reactor-Related Greater Than Class C Waste." This guidance addresses renewal of ISFSI specific licenses and CoCs for spent fuel storage cask designs in 10 CFR 72.42, "Duration of license; renewal," and 10 CFR 72.240, "Conditions for spent fuel storage cask renewal," respectively.

The guidance specifically addresses the format and content of spent fuel storage renewal applications and the implementation of aging management programs (AMPs). The guidance uses an operations-focused approach to aging management, in which operating experience is shared through an industry database and continually assessed to adjust AMPs, as needed and within regulatory limits, to ensure the effectiveness of aging management activities during the period of extended operation and the continued safe storage of spent fuel.

The staff is also issuing for public comment a draft regulatory analysis (ADAMS Accession No. ML20282A299). The staff develops a regulatory analysis to assess the value of issuing this new regulatory guide as well as alternative courses of action.

III. Backfitting, Forward Fitting, and Issue Finality

This proposed regulatory guide, RG 3.76, proposes to endorse, with clarifications, NEI 14-03, which provides guidance on the format and content of spent fuel storage renewal applications and implementation of aging management programs under 10 CFR part 72. As explained in the proposed RG 3.76, licensees are not required to comply with the positions set forth in this regulatory guide. Therefore, proposed RG 3.76 does not constitute backfitting as defined in 10 CFR 72.62, "Backfitting," and as described in NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.4, "Management of Backfitting, Forward Fitting, Issue Finality, and Information Requests;" or constitute forward fitting as that term is defined and described in MD 8.4. If, in the future, the NRC were to impose a position in this proposed RG 3.76 in a manner that would constitute backfitting or forward fitting, then the NRC would address the backfitting provision in 10 CFR 72.62 or the forward fitting provision of MD 8.4, respectively.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Updated Record of Decision for Powertech (USA) Inc.; Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Record of Decision; update.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has issued an updated Record of Decision (ROD) related to the license for Powertech (USA) Inc. (Powertech), Dewey-Burdock in situ uranium recovery (ISR) facility in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota. Powertech's request for a source and byproduct materials license to construct and operate the Dewey-Burdock ISR facility was contested through the NRC's adjudicatory process. On October 8, 2020, the Commission denied a petition for review of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel's (ASLBP) Final Initial Decision issued on December 12, 2019, and two interlocutory orders, thus terminating the adjudicatory proceeding. The ROD has been updated to account for the ASLBP's decision and the Commission's ruling.

DATES: The ROD was updated on December 3, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0277 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0277. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/>

adams.html. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” The updated ROD can be found by searching for ADAMS Accession No. ML20321A051. For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov*.

• Attention: The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via email at *PDR.Resource@nrc.gov* or call 1–800–397–4209 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

The NRC staff issued a license to Powertech for the construction and operation of its Dewey-Burdock ISR facility in Custer and Fall River Counties, in South Dakota in April 2014. Along with the issuance of the license, the NRC staff published a ROD in April 2014 that supported its decision to approve Powertech’s license

application for the Dewey-Burdock ISR facility.

During the NRC staff’s licensing review, the NRC’s ASLBP, an independent, trial-level adjudicatory body, granted a hearing request from the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Consolidated Intervenor (consisting of a group of individuals and organizations). The ASLBP held an evidentiary hearing in Rapid City, South Dakota, from August 19–21, 2014, on seven admitted contentions. On April 30, 2015, the ASLBP issued a Partial Initial Decision (LBP–15–16) resolving all but two of the admitted contentions in favor of the NRC staff: Contentions 1A and 1B, regarding historic and cultural resources, were resolved in favor of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Consolidated Intervenor. Subsequently, on October 19, 2017, the ASLBP granted the NRC staff’s motion for summary disposition of Contention 1B and determined that the NRC staff’s efforts satisfied the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirement that the NRC staff consult with the Oglala Sioux Tribe. On April 29, 2019, the ASLBP granted the NRC staff’s motion to set a schedule for an evidentiary hearing. The hearing was held on August 28 and 29, 2019, in Rapid City, South Dakota. On December 12, 2019, the ASLBP issued the Final Initial Decision (LBP–19–10) finding that the staff satisfied its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

obligation to take a reasonable hard look at potential impacts to cultural resources. The ASLBP also found that, consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at section 1502.22 of the title 40 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the information necessary to complete the NEPA review is effectively unavailable and that no further supplemental environmental impact statement is necessary in this case. The ASLBP also included a new condition to Powertech’s license. It provides that, prior to appointing a Tribal Monitor pursuant to Stipulation 13(c) of the NHPA Programmatic Agreement, Powertech shall notify the NRC of the identity of the Monitor, and the NRC will in turn distribute that information to the signatories and consulting Tribes to the Programmatic Agreement for a 30-day review and comment period. On October 8, 2020, the Commission denied a petition for review (CLI–20–09) of the ASLBP’s final initial decision in LBP–19–10 and two interlocutory ASLBP orders, which terminated the adjudicatory proceeding. The updated ROD accounts for the ASLBP’s decisions and the Commission’s ruling.

II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons as indicated.

Document description	ADAMS Accession No.
Powertech Dewey-Burdock Application, February 28, 2009	ML091200014 (package).
Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities, May 2009	ML091530075 (package).
Resubmission of Application, August 10, 2009	ML092870160 (package).
Response to Request for Additional Information, August 12, 2010	ML102380530 (package).
Revised Response to Request for Additional Information, June 28, 2011	ML112071064 (package).
Ground Water Model, February 27, 2012	ML120620195 (package).
Clarification of Oxidation-Reduction Potential Measurement, April 11, 2012	ML121030013.
Clarification of Regional Meteorological Data, June 13, 2012	ML12173A038.
Clarification of Response to Request for Additional Information, June 27, 2012	ML12179A534.
Supplemental Sampling Plan and Responses to Comments Regarding Draft License, October 19, 2012.	ML12305A056.
Comments on Draft Supplemental Environment Impact Statement, January 8, 2013	ML13022A386.
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Dewey-Burdock ISR Facility in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota (NUREG-1910, Supplement 4, Volumes 1 and 2), January 31, 2014.	ML14024A477.
NHPA Programmatic Agreement for Protection of Cultural Resources, Executed April 7, 2014 ..	ML14066A344 (package).
NRC Safety Evaluation Report, April 8, 2014	ML14043A347 (package).
Source Materials License for Dewey-Burdock, April 8, 2014	ML14043A392.
NRC Record of Decision, April 8, 2014	ML14066A466.
NRC Updated Record of Decision, December 3, 2020	ML20321A051.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

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New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.