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Mike Cepak
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Minerals and Mining Program
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RE: Application for a Large Scale Mine Permit by Powertech (USA) Inc.

Dear Mr. Cepak:

I am requesting that a contested case be initiated in the above matter and that I be admitted as an intervenor in the above application.

I am concerned about this application because I am interested in water quality, land use, wildlife, health, and the economy in western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming. Mining uranium and vanadium are inherently polluting, and the in situ leach mining method in particular has a history of water contamination. Powertech is financially unstable and unable to complete a mine, leaving the possibility that this project could end up in the hands of another company that is currently unknown -- and whose environmental record, ethical record, and financial status are also unknown.

I oppose this application because I believe the proposed mine would harm public health, the economy, and the environment, including impacts to the Inyan Kara, Minnelusa, Madison, and Deadwood formations and to the Cheyenne River. I also believe this is an inappropriate land use.

I oppose the proposed project and want the permit application to be denied.

Please keep me informed of all proceedings and documents related to this application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature



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