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As you may be aware, Powertech submitted an application and reclamation plan to this department for a large scale mine permit for its proposed in situ uranium mining project about 13 miles northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota. Powertech originally sent your agency copies of the application and reclamation plan in October and December 2012 and January 2013. Please notify our office if you did not receive a copy. Any information from the mine permit application that you did not receive can be viewed at our web site at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/powertechminepermitapp.aspx>.

We have completed our review of the application and reclamation plan and have considered it filed as of January 16, 2013. Pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:12, this letter is notification to your agency that the 30-day agency review period of the application has begun. You have 30 days to respond to us with any comments you may have concerning the permit application and the reclamation plan. According to SDCL 45-6B-11, failure to respond by an agency within 30 days constitutes its approval of the reclamation plan.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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