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Dear Ms. White Face:

As you requested during our September 4, 2008 phone conversation, please find enclosed a copy of Powertech's "Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate". This is the first step in the process of Powertech obtaining a large scale mine permit for its proposed in situ uranium mine approximately 13 miles northwest of Edgemont. The department is currently reviewing the Request for completeness.

As I explained to you during our conversation, the Request for Determination will be available soon on the department's web page. We will notify you when it becomes available.

If you have any questions on Powertech's Request for Determination, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

\s/

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Enclosure