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August 8, 2008

Stan Michals
c/o SD/GFP
4725 Jackson Boulevard
Rapid City, SD 57702-4804

RE: Planned Powertech Inspections on August 26, 2008

Dear Stan:

On July 7, 2008, our department received a uranium exploration application from Powertech (USA) Inc. for a 30-hole project in the Dewey - Burdock area. The application is procedurally incomplete. We are also expecting to receive in the near future a request from Powertech for the Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands for the Dewey - Burdock Project Area. The Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands is the first step in the mine permit application process.

This letter is to inform you that an on-site inspection is currently planned for August 26, 2008 for the uranium exploration permit application and for the Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands. We are planning on meeting at Powertech's Edgemont office at 10:00 AM on this date to discuss various issues regarding these two applications as well as baseline studies for the planned upcoming mine permit application prior to the field inspection.

I have enclosed a copy of the Powertech uranium exploration permit application without the landowner information. Please note that the legal description of the area listed on the application form is wrong. The correct legal location is SW1/4 Sec. 29, SE1/4 Sec. 30, and NW1/4 Sec. 32; T6S-R1E, Custer County and SW1/4 Sec. 2, NE1/4 Sec. 10, and NW1/4 SE1/4 and NE1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 11; T7S-R1E, Fall River County. The maps included with the application show the entire Powertech area as well as the planned exploration areas (denoted by blue boxes). Please note that the maps are marked confidential and are protected under SDCL 45-6D-15 below:

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Note that this letter does not begin the 30-day comment period for the exploration permit or the 60-day comment period for the Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands, as complete applications have yet to be received. Copies of the complete applications will be forwarded to you.

Please contact Mike Cepak or myself if you have any questions and/or if you would like to attend the inspection. You can reach me or Mike Cepak at (605) 773-4201 or you can email me at Roberta.Fivecoate@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Powertech uranium exploration application (w/o landowner information)



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Mike Fosha
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Dan Benoit
Bureau of Land Management
Miles City Field Office
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Miles City, MT 59301-0940

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Dear Dan:

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The proposed uranium exploration permit or the proposed mine will not impact BLM land; however, operations may occur adjacent to, or in close proximity of, BLM lands. Therefore, we are inviting you to join us for an inspection of the area on August 26, 2008. If you are interested in attending, please give me or Mike Cepak a call at (605) 773-4201. Thank you.

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Custer, SD 57730-9501

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