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Richard Blubaugh, Vice President  
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Re: Completeness Review of Ground Water Discharge Plan Application for Powertech  
(USA), Inc., Dewey-Burdock Project, Custer and Fall River Counties, SD

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

This letter is in response to the above referenced facility's application for a Ground Water Discharge Plan, received on March 14, 2012 and supplemental information received on April 17, 2012. The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed the application for completeness according to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:54:02:06 and determined the application to be complete.

Although not a completeness item under ARSD 74:54:02:06, written consent from the landowners within the proposed perimeter of operational pollution (POP) zones has not yet been received by the Department. Written consent will need to be submitted per ARSD 74:54:02:17 (2) prior to the Department publishing its recommendation on the ground water discharge plan to the Water Management Board at the conclusion of the technical review period.

The Department will continue with a technical review of the application and will follow up with initial technical comments in the next few weeks, which may include requests for additional information. Any additional information may be submitted as supplemental information or replacement pages. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 605-773-3296.

Sincerely,

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c: Mike Cepak, DENR Minerals and Mining Program, Pierre, SD  
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