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Richard Blubaugh, Vice President  
Powertech (USA), Inc.  
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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. 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 incomplete for the following reason:

1. Item No. 8 on the permit application form requires a description of the proposed Perimeter of Operational Pollution (POP). Although a description of the proposed POP zone is included in Section 7 of the application, discussions of the hydrologic and geologic data used to determine the dimensions, and justification of necessary economic or social development for the POP zone could not be located (see ARSD 74:54:02:06(8)). Please update this section to include a brief discussion on the hydrologic and geologic data used to determine the dimensions, and justification of necessary economic or social development for the POP zone.

The additionally requested information needs to be submitted to complete the technical evaluation. A new application does not need to be submitted and any additional information can be submitted as application amendments or as replacement pages to the application.

It was noted the submitted application form in Volume 2 did not include names for the people legally responsible for the discharge and the local contact representative. This information is not considered a completeness item as this information is stated elsewhere in the application; however, the form should be updated to correspond with the contact information stated elsewhere in the application.

The Department will continue with a technical review of the application and will follow up with technical comments in the next few weeks. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 605-773-3296.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Hicks".

Matt Hicks, Senior Hydrologist  
Ground Water Quality Program

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