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RE: Large Scale Mine Permit for Powertech USA In-Situ Leach Uranium Dewey-Burdock Project, Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota

Dear Eric:

We have completed a review of the all the previously documented sites and reports associated with the above mentioned project in regards to Powertech USA’s large scale mine permit. The Archaeological Research Center makes the following determination:

*From a cultural resources perspective, the lands indicated within the above mentioned project have been fully inventoried with additional archaeological testing on sites that may be impacted during the current phase of construction.* The applicant, Powertech USA, has fully cooperated with the concerns of the Archaeological Research Center. While the potential for unforeseen cultural resources is low to moderate based upon the previous surveys and geomorphological investigations, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), is in place between Powertech USA and the Archaeological Research Center that has specific guidelines that address late finds and future expansion should this be required. This office has no further reservations concerning the granting a large scale mine permit for this project.

If you have any questions or require further information, please let me know. Thank you for your concern in preserving South Dakota's cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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