



CITY OF RAPID CITY

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-2724

Office of the Mayor

300 Sixth Street

605-394-4110

Fax 605-394-6793

E-mail: mayor@rcgov.org

August 12, 2013

Shaun McGrath
Environmental Protection Agency
Regional Office
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

Dear Mr. McGrath,

Powertech (USA) Inc. has recently submitted permit applications to appropriate water from the Inyan Kara Aquifer for in-situ recovery (ISR) of uranium and the Madison Aquifer for aquifer restoration following ISR.

Rapid City's primary water supply is the Madison Aquifer, which is also the primary water source for Ellsworth Air Force Base. Recently our City has been confronted with concerns over the potential impact to our water supply.

The City of Rapid City needs assurance from the Environmental Protection Agency that the permitting of water rights for use in Powertech's proposed ISR, or any other future ISR located near the Black Hills, will not negatively impact the quality of Madison Aquifer water utilized by Rapid City.

I look forward to a response from you on the above mentioned concerns.

Sincerely,

Sam Kooiker, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER