

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-83

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE IN SITU MINING OF URANIUM BY POWERTECH
IN CUSTER AND FALL RIVER COUNTIES.**

WHEREAS, Powertech Uranium Corp. has submitted applications to the South Dakota Water Management Board for permits to use water from the Madison and Inyan Kara Aquifers to conduct in situ mining of uranium in Custer and Fall River Counties in the Black Hills of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, In situ mining, or in situ recovery involves pumping solutions incorporating water from the aquifers into an ore body through wells which will then circulate through the porous rock and recovering the minerals from the ground by dissolving them and pumping the solution containing the ore to the surface where the minerals can be recovered.

WHEREAS, hearings on Powertech's water permit applications will be held by the South Dakota Water Management Board in Rapid City at the beginning of October of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City obtains a majority of its drinking water from the Madison Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the water in the Madison Aquifer is of utmost importance to the City of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, due to the unanswered questions regarding the safety of the community's water supply, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City believes that the proposed in situ mining of uranium in the Black Hills poses an unacceptable risk to the primary source of Rapid City's drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that due to the potential risk to the Madison Aquifer the City opposes the proposed in situ mining of uranium in the Black Hills by Powertech Uranium Corp.

Dated this ___ day of August, 2013.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Sam Kooiker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer