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Secretary Steve Pirner, P.E.
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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SD DENR
Joe Foss Building
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Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Secretary Pirnier,

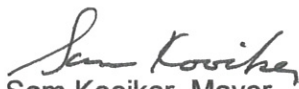
Powertech (USA) Inc. has recently submitted permit applications to appropriate water from the Inyan Kara Aquifer for in-situ recovery (ISR) of uranium and the Madison Aquifer for aquifer restoration following ISR.

As you are aware, Rapid City's primary water supply is the Madison Aquifer, which 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 SD DENR 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.

Could you please have someone from your office attend a Public Works Committee meeting to answer questions and provide verbal and written information regarding ISR and the potential for groundwater quality issues.

Sincerely,


Sam Kooiker, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



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