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Mr. Richard F. Clement  
President and CEO  
Powertech (USA) Inc.  
5575 DTC Parkway, Suite 140  
Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Re: Status of UIC Permitting for Dewey-  
Burdock Uranium In-situ Recovery Project

Dear Mr. Clement:

Thank you for your February 3, 2014, letter requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 complete its permitting actions in response to Powertech (USA), Inc.'s (Powertech) Underground Injection Control applications to operate Class III and Class V injection wells proposed for the company's uranium in-situ recovery project near Edgemont, South Dakota.

In this letter you specifically requested that we provide you with a schedule for completion so that you may reasonably plan the future development of this project. At this time, we intend to announce draft permit decisions for Powertech's proposed Class III and V injection well operations in April, 2014, through a public notice soliciting comments. This notice will also announce the date(s) and location(s) of one or more public hearings. However, we cannot reasonably project when the EPA will issue its final permit decisions due to the considerable public interest associated with this proposed project.

We appreciate your diligence in providing the EPA the necessary technical information over the past several months to inform the Agency's pending proposed decisions on your UIC permit applications.

Please contact me at (303) 312-6390 or Douglas Minter of my staff at (303) 312-6079 with questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/Sadie Hoskie/

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