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NRC ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON DEWEY-BURDOCK URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT; SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed Dewey-Burdock in-situ uranium recovery project in Custer and Fall River counties in South Dakota. Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments about the statement.

The statement includes the NRC staff's preliminary recommendation to grant the license unless safety issues mandate otherwise.

Powertech (USA) Inc. submitted a license application for the facility on Aug. 10, 2009. The license would authorize Powertech to construct, operate and ultimately decommission the facility, which would use the in-situ leach process to recover uranium from underground ore and convert the recovered uranium into yellowcake for use in the production of nuclear fuel.

The NRC draft report analyzes environmental impacts specific to the Dewey-Burdock site and mitigation strategies to reduce or avoid adverse effects on the surrounding environment. The staff continues to analyze safety aspects of the application in a separate technical review.

Public comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement will be accepted for 45 days following publication of a notice in the *Federal Register*, expected Nov. 23. Comments may be submitted over the federal government's rulemaking [website](#) after that date using Docket ID NRC-2012-0277. They may also be mailed to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001.

The draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery project is available on the [NRC website](#) as Supplement 4 to NUREG-1910, Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities. More information on the application and the staff's review is also available on the [NRC website](#).

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