

DeweyBurdPubEm Resource

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Cc: Hsueh, Kevin
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Dear Mr. Hsueh,

The Standing Rock Tribe is in receipt of your letter dated September 10, 2011 regarding our participation as a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the proposed Dewey Burdock In-Situ Recovery (ISR) facility near Edgemont, SD.

Please note that Ron His Horse is Thunder is **no longer** our Tribal Chairman and direct all future correspondence to our current Chairman, Charles W. Murphy.

We are not interested in becoming a consulting party for the proposed Dewey-Burdock ISR. In fact, we are opposed to the project because of its proximity to the Black Hills. The Black Hills are considered sacred by the Lakota and Dakota people and we are very concerned that there could be accidental environmental contamination of the area during the operation of in-situ recovery.

We are particularly concerned about contamination of groundwater. What steps will be taken to ensure that groundwater will not be contaminated before, during and after the mine has been completed? How will groundwater be restored to its original pre-mining condition? How will large volumes of waste water be disposed of? How will Native American cultural resources be protected? We hope there will be a satisfactory response to these concerns prior to construction.

We ask that prior to any ground disturbance, a Class III survey be conducted by a Tribal member.

Please keep us informed of all activities regarding the Dewey-Burdock In-Situ Recovery facility.

Sincerely,
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