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## CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Richard Blubaugh Powertech (USA) Incorporated 5575 DTC Parkway, Suite 140 Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

RE: Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program

UIC Class V Draft Permit Aquifer Recharge Injection Well UIC Draft Permit # CO51237-08412

Dear Mr. Blubaugh:

Enclosed are the UIC Class V Draft Permit and the Public Notice for the Class V injection well that will be used to reinject groundwater pumped from the Upper Fox Hills Formation back into the same formation from which it was pumped. The Statement of Basis, which is a detailed discussion of technical issues EPA considered during the development of the Draft Permit, is also enclosed.

The public notice will be published in the *Greeley Tribune*, notifying the public of their opportunity to comment on this permit action. The public notice also announces a public hearing that will be held at the Nunn Community Center located 185 Lincoln Avenue in Nunn, Colorado at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2009. The public comment period for this action will end on December 24, 2009.

The enclosed Draft Permit and Statement of Basis are being sent to you so that you also may have the opportunity to comment on the Draft Permit during the comment period.

The enclosed permit is a "DRAFT" version of the proposed Final Permit. It is an example of what the Final Permit will look like, and is being sent to you for your review and comment. This version of the Permit is **NOT** official.

Please be aware that a Final Permit decision will not be made until after the public comment period closes. EPA will consider all comments received during this public comment

period and public hearing, and the previous public comment period and public hearing, before making a Final Permit decision. Because EPA has received comments on this Draft Permit, the effective date of the Final Permit decision will be an additional thirty (30) days after the issuance date. This delay is required by Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 124.15 (b) in order to allow for a potential appeal of the Final Permit.

If you have any questions on the Draft Permit, please contact Valois Shea at 1-800-227-8917 x312-6276 or 303-312-6276. Please email comments to <a href="mailto:shea.valois@epa.gov">shea.valois@epa.gov</a> or send written comments to the letterhead address, Attention: Valois Shea, and citing Mail Code: 8P-W-GW very prominently.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Pratt, PE, CAPM (inactive)

Director

Groundwater Program

Enclosures: Draft Permit

Statement of Basis Copy of Public Notice