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Subject: RE: Minnesota Sioux Tribe call notes re: Dewey Burdock

Thank you!

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Valois, here's what's in my notes but I don't see in yours. Hope this helps.

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From: Garcia, Bert
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 2:44 PM
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Subject: Minnesota Sioux Tribe call notes re: Dewey Burdock

Valois, here are my notes of the questions asked in today's call.

What's the response and what remediation will be taken in case of an excursion?

Will there be injection into a drinking water aquifer?
Are there any other aquifer uses?
What chemicals are in the lixiviant?

Where will extracted fluid be held, and what are the associated safety procedures?
Will the holding pond sediment be radioactive?
What measures will be taken to mitigate risk from the holding pond sediments?
What are the sediment exposure risks to wildlife, ground life, amphibians? Concerned about food web contamination.
What effect will there be on plant life?

How large is the holding pond footprint?
How will pond sediment be transported and disposed?
Where will the sediments and products be transported to?
Is the waste material going to a place near other tribes who may be concerned?
What is the flood risk to the pond? For example what's the distance to the river? Is a 100 year flood stage berm sufficient?
If there's a spill from a pond, what's the response plan to avoid contaminating the river?
Might there be an impact to the Pe' Sla area?

What's the life of the operation?

The call participants request copies of the PowerPoint presentation and the cultural survey.

Plants in this area are used for ceremonial purpose and are spiritually significant. What plant life is found in the area and will be impacted? Plants of interest include sage, prairie turnip, bear root, red cedar and sweet grass.
How will the site be reclaimed, especially the plant life? Can tribes advise on the reclamation?
Recommend you talk with other tribes to learn of other plants that may be of interest to them.

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