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Hello Mr. Primeaux,

Please find attached a courtesy copy of the letter the EPA Region 8 office mailed to Chairman Howe on November 6, 2015. I apologize for sending it to you so late - I just now got your email address.

The purpose of this letter is to offer the opportunity for informal consultation on the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery site located in the southern Black Hills. The EPA Region 8 office is contacting you based in information I have found indicating the Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma have historical interest in the Black Hills. The reason we are mailing an invitation letter for informal consultation is because we have already had a series of informal consultation meetings with interested Region 8 Tribes and two Tribes in Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and the Santee Sioux Tribe. These meetings have been helpful for building relationships with Tribal environmental directors and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and hearing detailed info from the Tribes about issues of concern prior to moving on to formal consultation. We want to offer the Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma the same opportunity to have informal "inform and educate" meetings with us moving on to formal consultation. We have already mailed out the formal consultation invitation letter. I will send it to you in a separate email.

Please give me a call or send me an email if you interested in scheduling an informal consultation meeting, have any questions or suggestions for moving forward with our Tribal Consultation process. We will continue our communication with you as we move forward with this process.

Thanks!
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