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Subject: FW: Dewey-Burdock Project Question - Reply to Dr. Lilias Jarding

Fyi and for our admin record...

From: Minter, Douglas
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:33 PM
To: 'Lilias Jarding' Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Subject: RE: Dewey-Burdock Project Question

Dr. Jarding: The UIC Draft Class V Area Permit authorizes up to four deep injection wells that Powertech proposes using for the disposal of treated in-situ recovery waste fluids into the Minnelusa Formation. At this time, Powertech has proposed locations for two of these wells.

In their Class V permit application, Powertech originally proposed the construction of four to eight deep disposal wells (DDWs): up to four DDWs in the Minnelusa Formation and up to four DDWs in the Deadwood Formation. The EPA classified the DDWs proposed for injection into the Deadwood Formation as Class I wells, which are banned by South Dakota regulations. Powertech later withdrew their request for the Deadwood injection wells, so now only the two to four wells injecting into the Minnelusa Formation are proposed.

We hope this answers your questions. More information on these proposed wells can be found in the UIC Draft Class V Area Permit and associated documentation posted on our website at: https://www.epa.gov/uic/administrative-record-dewey-burdock-class-iii-and-class-v-injection-well-draft-area-permits.

Sincerely,

Douglas Minter

From: Lilias Jarding [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>
Subject: Dewey-Burdock Project Question

Greetings --

We are getting conflicting information here in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and I'm hoping you can clarify things. The topic is deep disposal wells in Fall River and Custer Counties in the general area of the Dewey-Burdock uranium mining project. I am preparing expert testimony for the draft permit process and want to be operating from accurate information.

Linsey McLean, who met with you in December, says that you indicated that there are as many as twelve deep disposal wells planned in the general area of the Dewey-Burdock project. The recently issued draft permit for the project says that there will be two to four DDWs. Are there other projects planned that we haven't heard about here yet? Or is there some other way to account for the 8 "missing" DDWs?

Thanks much for your help in clarifying things.

Lilias Jarding, Ph.D.