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Dear Chairman Little Cook:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing you the attached letter documenting the conclusion of EPA's consultation efforts with your tribe concerning two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Area Permit Applications for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations. The Dewey-Burdock site is located in southwestern Custer County and northwestern Fall River County, on the Wyoming/South Dakota border.

Concurrently, we are notifying you of EPA's decision to issue final UIC Permits for this project. Consistent with EPA's Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes, we are also attaching EPA's Response to Comments (RTC) document which describes how all tribal government input received during consultation and/or EPA's 2017 and 2019 public comment periods, were considered in EPA's final Permit decisions. You can also find EPA's RTC and other permit related documents on our EPA Regional UIC website at: https://www.epa.gov/uic/epa-dewey-burdock-class-iii-and-class-v-injection-well-final-area-permits

You may also access these documents as part of EPA's Administrative Record for these UIC Permit actions online at regulations.gov under docket number **EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512**.

If you have any questions about these actions, please contact me at oconnor.darcy@epa.gov. Your staff may direct questions to Valois Robinson at robinson.valois@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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