

### **Comment 1 dated Wed 2/3/2010 9:55 AM**

To the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission-

My name is Brian Besco, Water Operator for the Town of Buffalo Gap, Custer County, South Dakota.

At a recent Town Hall meeting, we were informed of Powertech's plans for uranium removal in the area. We were informed that this company has no actual experience in this process, and that this process in itself will not be containable within the specific aquifer. We are not in favor.

The Town of Buffalo Gap has high radionuclides in our well, and remediation is not feasible, so we have switched to a rural water system for our water needs. It is known that this experimental process can have a devastating affect on a region's water source.

It is the general consensus that the citizens of Buffalo Gap, along with the Town body, are not willing to allow Powertech, or any such company, pollute the aquifers of our region through such an extraction process.

Thank you for taking our comments.

Brian Besco  
Water Operator, Town of Buffalo Gap

### **Comment 2 dated Tue 2/9/2010 3:17 PM**

To the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

I am a citizen of the Town of Buffalo Gap and I do not support any uranium removal project in our area.

I understand that the town of Hay Springs NE has ground water contamination from the active uranium mine there.

I also know from published reports that Buffalo SD area has problems with uranium tailings from unreclaimed open pit mining that was not reclaimed or remediated in the past.

I want you to deny this application to protect our fragile limited water resources here in the heartland.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kevin Molloy

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### **Comment 3 dated Thu 2/25/2010 12:02 PM**

Dear Sirs: