

# **UIC PERMIT APPLICATION**

**Class V Non-Hazardous Injection Wells**

**Powertech (USA) Inc.**

**Dewey-Burdock Project**

**Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota**

**EPA Permit # TBD**

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**USEPA PERMIT FORMS**

FORM 7520-6 PROPOSED WELLS UIC PERMIT APPLICATION

FORM 7520-14 PROPOSED WELLS PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT



## 1.0 PERMIT APPLICATION AND INTRODUCTION

Through the submittal of this application, Powertech (USA) Inc. [Powertech], requests an Area Permit and authorization from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to install and operate four to eight non-hazardous Class V disposal wells located at the Dewey-Burdock Project, pursuant to the applicable Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations. The number of wells is to be determined and is dependent upon well capacity. Powertech requests authorization to inject a total of 300 gallons per minute (gpm) in a maximum of eight Class V disposal wells. These wells are to be located in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota, within the limits of the proposed Class V permit area within the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary. Proposed locations for the first four wells are shown on Figure B-2. The Project is located approximately 13 miles north-northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota, and straddles the area between northern Fall River and southern Custer County line. The project boundary encompasses approximately 10,580 acres (4,282 ha) of mostly private land on either side of County Road 6463 and includes portions of Sections 1-5, 10-12, 14 and 15, Township 7 South, Range 1 East and Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29 and 30-35, Township 6 South, Range 1 East. Approximately 240 acres (~2%) (97.1 ha) are under the control of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) located in portions of Sections 3, 10, 11, and 12. A map identifying the general project location is included as Figure 1.

A completed copy of USEPA UIC 7520-6, "Underground Injection Control Permit Application" for the wells is included in this application, and required attachments to this form are also included in this document. In this application, the initial four planned wells are referred to individually as Dewey-Burdock Disposal Well Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, (DW Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4) or collectively with additional disposal wells as the Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells. All depths discussed in this application are below ground surface (bgs) unless otherwise noted.

The proposed Powertech facility in South Dakota will operate between four and eight Class V Non-Hazardous Disposal Wells for underground injection of fluids from an in-situ leach (ISL) uranium mining project. Fresh water aquifers in the vicinity of the wells are to be protected by casing and cement. Injected fluids will be delivered to the Minnelusa and Deadwood Formations in separate wells under positive pressure injection through tubing and a packer. The wells are to have one cemented long string protective casing extending into the injection interval. The wellbores are to be perforated completions within the injection interval. The annulus area between the protective casings and injection tubing strings will be filled with inhibited fresh water. Annulus pressure will be continuously monitored to detect any potential leaks in the tubing or casing strings and annulus pressures will be maintained at more than 100 psi above the tubing pressure.

Relevant administrative data regarding the permit are summarized as follows.

<b>Applicant:</b>	Powertech (USA) Inc.
<b>State:</b>	South Dakota
<b>Counties:</b>	Custer and Fall River
<b>Facility Address:</b>	310 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue Edgemont, SD 57735
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	5575 DTC Parkway, Suite 140, Greenwood Village, CO 80111
<b>Location of Planned Wells:</b>	Site 1: NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 2, T7S, R1E DW No. 1: Lat: -103.971938654 Long: 43.469772181 DW No. 2: Lat: -103.971859557 Long: 43.4696483743  Site 2: SE ¼ of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 29, T6S, R1E DW No. 3: Lat: -104.031570321 Long: 43.4971737527 DW No. 4: Lat: -104.031436264 Long: 43.4970792287

**Location of Additional Wells:** To be determined  
**USEPA ID Nos.:** Dewey-Burdock Disposal Well Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and additional wells- TBD  
**Contact:** Mr. Richard Blubaugh, Vice President



United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Underground Injection Control  
Permit Application**

*(Collected under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Sections 1421, 1422, 40 CFR 144)*

I. EPA ID Number

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**Read Attached Instructions Before Starting  
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Application approved mo day year	Date received mo day year	Permit Number	Well ID	FINDS Number

II. Owner Name and Address			III. Operator Name and Address		
Owner Name Powertech (USA) Inc.			Owner Name Powertech (USA) Inc.		
Street Address 5575 DTC Parkway, Suite 140		Phone Number (303) 790-7528	Street Address 5575 DTC Parkway, Suite 140		Phone Number (303) 790-7528
City Greenwood Village	State CO	ZIP CODE 80111	City Greenwood Village	State CO	ZIP CODE 80111

IV. Commercial Facility	V. Ownership	VI. Legal Contact	VII. SIC Codes
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Operator	SIC: 1094 NAISC: 212291

VIII. Well Status (Mark "x")

<input type="checkbox"/> A Operating	Date Started mo day year _____	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Modification/Conversion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Proposed
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IX. Type of Permit Requested (Mark "x" and specify if required)

<input type="checkbox"/> A. Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Area	Number of Existing Wells 0	Number of Proposed Wells 4 - 8	Name(s) of field(s) or project(s) Dewey-Burdock
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X. Class and Type of Well (see reverse)

A. Class(es) (enter code(s))	B. Type(s) (enter code(s))	C. If class is "other" or type is code 'x,' explain	D. Number of wells per type (if area permit)
Other	N/A	Class V, permitted under 40 CFR 144.12	4 - 8

XI. Location of Well(s) or Approximate Center of Field or Project												XII. Indian Lands (Mark 'x')	
Latitude			Longitude			Township and Range						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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XIII. Attachments

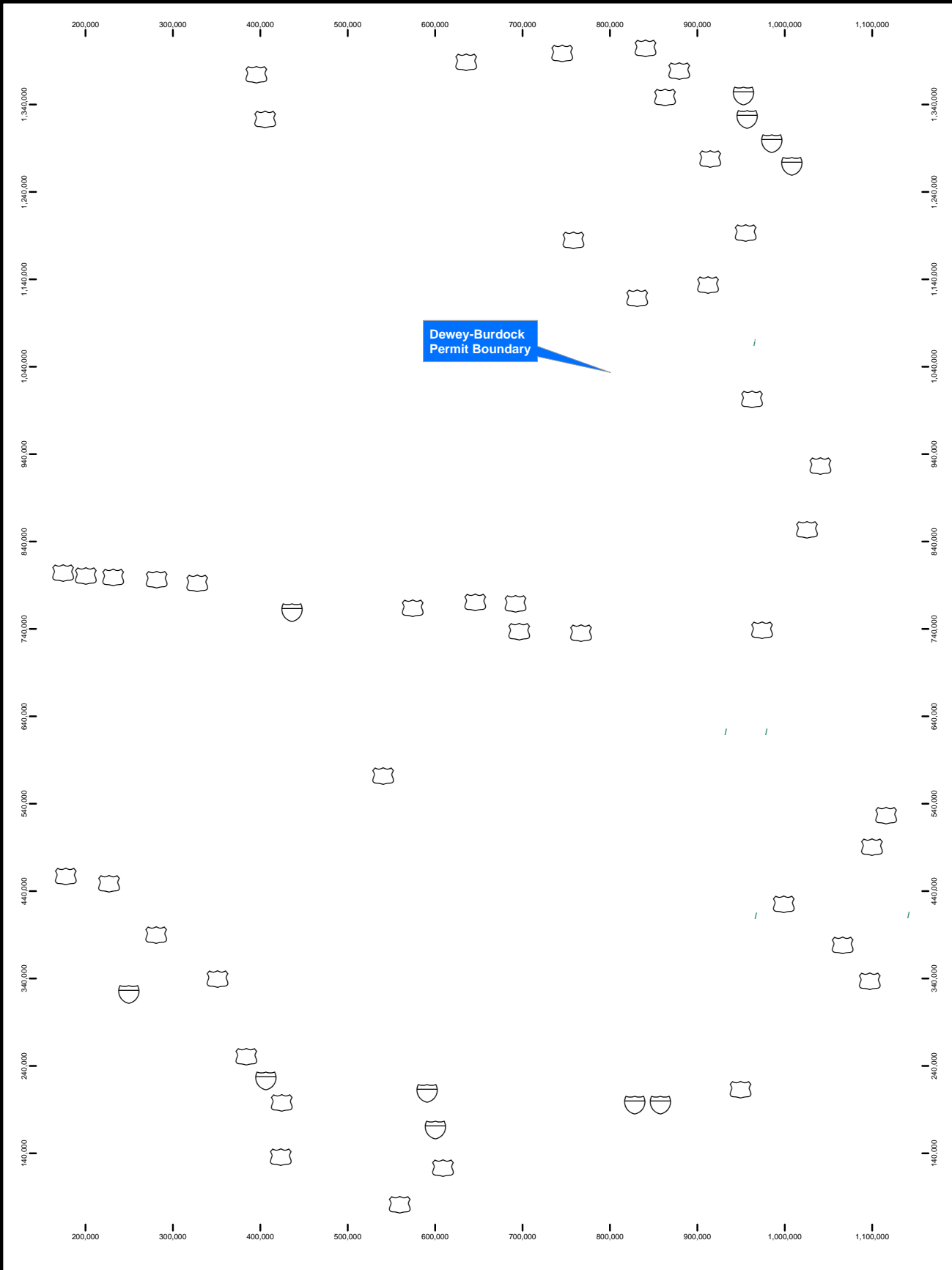
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For Classes I, II, III, (and other classes) complete and submit on a separate sheet(s) Attachments A-U (pp 2-6) as appropriate. Attach maps where required. List attachments by letter which are applicable and are included with your application.


XIV. Certification

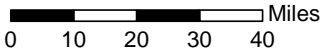
I certify under the penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. (Ref. 40 CFR 144.32)


A. Name and Title (Type or Print) Richard Blubaugh, Vice President - Environmental	B. Phone No. (Area Code and No.) (303) 790-7528
C. Signature	D. Date Signed



**Legend**

 Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary






**POWERTECH (USA) INC.**

**Figure 1**  
**Site Location Map**

2010 Dewey-Burdock Class V Permit

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## 2.0 USEPA FORM 7520-6 PERMIT APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

### 2.A AREA OF REVIEW METHODS

*Give the methods and, if appropriate, the calculations used to determine the size of the area of review (fixed radius or equation). The area of review shall be a fixed radius of ¼-mile from the well bore unless the use of an equation is approved in advance by the Director.*

### RESPONSE

In the meeting held on November 24, 2009, EPA Region 8 instructed Powertech to generally follow Class I standards and approach for this application. As such, the radius of investigation used in this permit request has been based on standard practices applied historically to Class I wells in Region 8. Under Section 146.6 of the UIC regulations (40CFR), the area of review (AOR) for a non-hazardous Class I injection well is defined as either the calculated zone of endangering influence or a fixed radius of not less than one-fourth mile.

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has guidance for Class V wells but does not require separate state approval for Class V well installation. The guidelines for Class V wells are outlined in a letter received from DENR which is included as Appendix A.

The critical pressure rise, cone-of-influence (COI), radius of fluid displacement (ROFD) calculations for this permit application are based on the formation parameters derived from the correlation of three separate type logs. The location of these wells is shown on Figure A-1. Type Log #1 (Figure A-2) is from the Earl Darrow #1 (T7S, R1E, Sec 2) which penetrates the top of the Minnelusa and is located within the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary near the well locations of DW Nos. 1 and 2. Type Log #2 (Figure A-3) is from the Lance-Nelson Estate #1 (T7S, R1E, Sec 21) which penetrates the top of the Madison and is located just south of the project boundary. Type Log #3 (Figure A-4), from the #1 West Mule Creek (T39, R61W, Sec 2), penetrates to the top of the Precambrian and is located in eastern Wyoming to the southwest of the Project. This is the closest log available that penetrates the Deadwood Formation. Additionally, tops for shallow formations from the logs of various uranium exploration wells within the Project boundary were used in conjunction with the type logs to determine surface elevation and formation depths at each well site.

DW Nos. 1 and 2 target the Minnelusa and Deadwood Formations, respectively, and are located near the main plant site (Site 1). DW Nos. 3 and 4 target the Minnelusa and Deadwood, respectively, and will be located at Site 2. While formation parameters are expected to be similar at each site, formations are expected to occur at greater depth at Site 2 due to geologic structure. Separate critical pressure rise and COI calculations for the Minnelusa and Deadwood at each site are included in this application and are presented in Tables A-1 through A-4. In addition, ROFD calculations for the Minnelusa and Deadwood are presented in Tables A-5 and A-6, respectively.

Because the calculated ROFD and COI are significantly smaller than the statutory minimum, a fixed radius of 1,320' (¼ mile) has been used for evaluation of all artificial penetrations for Class V injection into the Minnelusa Formation for DW Nos. 1 and 3. Based on COI calculations, a radius of 1,355' has been used for evaluation of all artificial penetrations for Class V injection into the Deadwood Formation for DW Nos. 2 and 4. The Class V permit area has been conservatively defined by applying the maximum calculated AOR of 1,355' as an offset from the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary and the oil and gas wells permitted within that boundary.

In the event that additional disposal wells are required to inject the requested 300 gpm, similar AORs are expected for subsequent Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells located within the proposed Class V permit area. The input parameters used to calculate the AORs are based on formation parameters derived from limited data and will be verified during the drilling, testing, and completion process. If the input parameters that have been used are found to yield projections that are insufficiently conservative, the AORs will be recalculated.

The COI for injection is defined as that area around a well within which increased injection zone pressures caused by injection could be sufficient to drive fluids into an underground source of drinking water (USDW). The pathway for this theoretical fluid movement is assumed to be a hypothetical, open abandoned well, which penetrates the confining zone for injection. Information used in the following calculations has been estimated from available geophysical well logs and will be verified through formation testing during the drilling process.

### **Critical Pressure Rise**

For this permit application, three critical pressure rise calculations are required at each site. One is applied for the rise from the Minnelusa to the Unkpapa/Sundance, one for the rise from the Minnelusa to the Madison, and one for the rise from the Deadwood to the Madison.

To calculate the COI, a value must first be assigned for the pressure increase in the injection interval that would be sufficient to cause injection zone brine to rise in a hypothetical open pathway to the base of the lowermost USDW. This applies individually to the rise from the Minnelusa (injection zone) to the Unkpapa/Sundance (USDW) and for rise from the Deadwood (injection zone) to the Madison (USDW). The COI will also be applied to the transfer of injection zone brine from the base of the effective Minnelusa in a hypothetical open pathway down to the top of the Madison Formation. This critical pressure rise,  $P_c$ , is assigned as indicated in Figure A-5.

The pressure required at the top of the injection interval to support injection zone brine in the configuration indicated is, in psi units:

$$P = 0.433 [y_B D_B + y_w (D_w - L)]$$

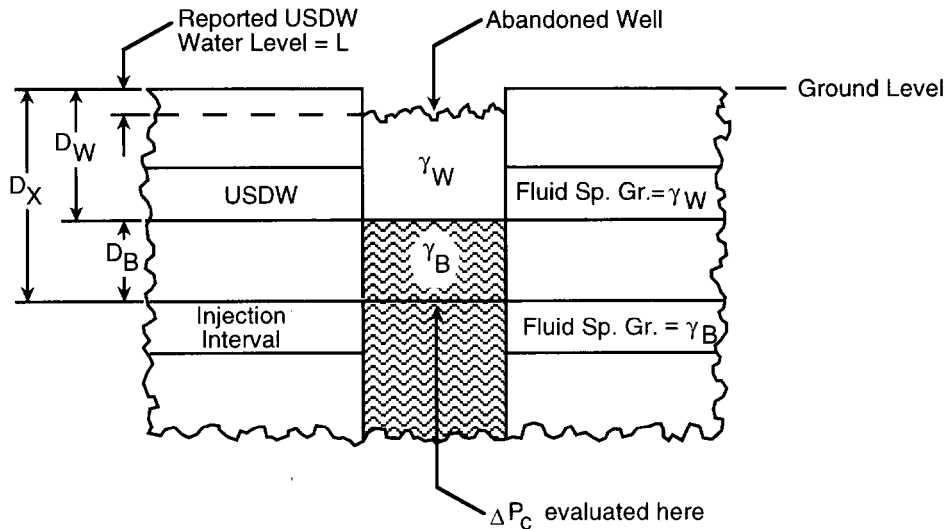
where:  $D_B = D_x - D_w$

and the pressure rise is then:

$$P_c = 0.433 [y_B D_B + y_w (D_w - L)] - P_o$$

where  $P_o$  is the original, pre-injection value for pressure at the top of the injection interval expressed in psi units.

**FIGURE A-5 CRITICAL PRESSURE RISE**



**MINNELUSA TO UNKPAPA/SUNDANCE AND MINNELUSA TO MADISON FOR DW NO. 1 – SITE 1**

Minnelusa – Unkpapa/Sundance

Original pressure in the Minnelusa has been calculated based on a depth to water of 1,415' above top of the Minnelusa from USGS potentiometric maps (Figure D-14, Driscoll et al., 2002). For the estimated top of the injection interval of 1,615' (See Response F, Table F-2), a gradient of 0.433 psi/ft \* 1.008 (SG of approximately 15,000 mg/l TDS brine) yields a pressure of 617.6 psi at the top of the Minnelusa (1,615'). The same gradient applied to the effective base of the Injection Zone at 2,205 yields a pressure 875.1 psi. The effective base refers to the lowermost zone of effective porosity in the Minnelusa that will be targeted for injection in DW No. 1 as discussed in Section 2.F of this document.

In assigning the critical pressure rise and calculating the cone-of-influence (Tables A-1 and A-3) at this site, the base of the overlying USDW, the Unkpapa/Sundance, is assigned as 920', as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. The potentiometric surface of Unkpapa/Sundance near the Dewey-Burdock Project is projected to be approximately 29 feet above ground surface (Figure D-14a, Powertech 2008). Therefore, in these calculations, it is assumed that the water table in the Unkpapa/Sundance is at approximately 589 feet above the top of the formation. The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance of 97.1 psi (Table A-1).

The values in Table A-1 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(1,615-920) + 1.001(920-(-29))] - 617.6 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 97.1 \text{ psi}$$

### Minnelusa - Madison

The top of the underlying USDW is the Madison Formation at 2,765' as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. Original pressure in the Madison has been calculated based on an artesian aquifer condition with a water level of approximately 200' above ground surface. This head is based on historical water well data for the City of Edgemont water wells completed in the Madison Formation (Appendix D). Based on an estimated shut-in pressure of 150 psi and a minimum surface elevation of 3,450', the potentiometric surface of the Madison at Edgemont is 3,745' (345' above ground surface). It is noted that surface elevation at Edgemont wells may be as high as 3,650'. Given the elevation increase of approximately 100' to 300' from Edgemont to the Dewey-Burdock Project, it is reasonable to assume a potentiometric level of approximately 3,900' AMSL (~200' above ground surface) at Dewey-Burdock. USGS potentiometric maps for this formation are regional and based on little (if any) local data (Figure D-10, Driscoll et al., 2002). The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to Madison of 165.6 psi (Table A-1). It is noted that formation parameters have been estimated from available data and will be verified through formation testing during the drilling process.

The values in Table A-1 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to top of Madison as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(2,205-2,765) + 1.001(2,765-(-200))] - 875.1 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 165.6 \text{ psi}$$

### **Cone-of-Influence**

Based on the calculated value for the critical pressure rise, the cone-of-influence can be calculated for DW No.1 over a ten-year period of injection. At DW No. 1 there is projected to be a 13.2' cone-of-influence for continuous injection at a rate of 75 gpm (2,571 bwpd) in the Minnelusa Formation (Table A-2). This is the value at which pressure at distance intersects the critical pressure rise of 97.1 psi from the Minnelusa to the Unkpapa/Sundance (Figure A-6). Since the critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to the over-pressured Madison is never intersected, even at the well bore, there is no COI and no potential exists for contamination of the Madison. As such, the fixed radius of 1,320' (¼ mile) will be used for the Minnelusa Formation at Site 1. Pressure rise has been evaluated in an infinite acting reservoir with a line source well using the log-approximation of the radial flow diffusivity equation (Lee, 1982).

$$dP = -70.6 \text{ Bq}\mu / \text{kh} * \ln ( [ 1,688 \phi \mu c_r^2 / \text{kt} ] -2s)$$

where the values listed in Table A-3 have been assigned based on site-specific information.

Calculations for pressure rise due to ten years of injection have been based on a rate of 75 gpm. Well capacities will be verified during the drilling, testing, and completion process.

### **MINNELUSA TO UNKPAPA/SUNDANCE AND MINNELUSA TO MADISON FOR DW NO. 3 – SITE 2**

#### Minnelusa – Unkpapa/Sundance

Original pressure in the Minnelusa has been calculated based on a depth to water of 1,750' above the top of the Minnelusa from USGS potentiometric maps (Figure D-14, Driscoll et al., 2002). For the estimated top of the injection interval of 1,950' (See Response F, Table F-2), a gradient of 0.433



psi/ft \* 1.008 (SG of approximately 15,000 mg/l TDS brine) yields a pressure of 763.8 psi at the top of the Minnelusa. The same gradient applied to the effective base of the Injection Zone at 2,540 yields a pressure 1,021.3 psi. (Table A-2). The effective base refers to the lowermost porous zone that will be targeted for injection as discussed in Section 2.F of this document.

In assigning the critical pressure rise and calculating the cone-of-influence (Tables A-2 and A-3) at this site, the base of the overlying USDW, the Unkpapa/Sundance, is assigned as 1,255', as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. The lowest potentiometric surface near the Dewey-Burdock Project is projected to be approximately 29 feet above ground surface (Figure D-14a, Powertech 2008). Therefore, in these calculations, it is assumed that the water table in the Unkpapa/Sundance is at approximately 924' above the top of the formation. The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance of 96.1 psi (Table A-2).

The values in Table A-2 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(1,950-1,255) + 1.001(1,255-(-29))] - 763.8 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 96.1 \text{ psi}$$

#### Minnelusa - Madison

The top of the underlying USDW is the Madison Formation at 3,100' as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. Original pressure in the Madison has been calculated based on an artesian aquifer condition with a water level of approximately 200' above ground surface. This head is based on historical water well data for the City of Edgemont water wells completed in the Madison Formation (Appendix D). Based on an estimated shut-in pressure of 150 psi and a minimum surface elevation of 3,450', the potentiometric surface of the Madison at Edgemont is 3,745' (345' above ground surface). It is noted that surface elevation at Edgemont wells may be as high as 3,650'. Given the elevation increase of approximately 100' to 300' from Edgemont to the Dewey-Burdock Project, it is reasonable to assume a potentiometric level of approximately 3,900' AMSL (~200' above ground surface) at Dewey-Burdock. USGS potentiometric maps for this formation are regional and based on little (if any) local data (Figure D-10, Driscoll et al., 2002). The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to Madison of 164.6 psi (Table A-2). It is noted that formation parameters have been estimated from available data and will be verified through formation testing during the drilling process.

The values in Table A-2 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Minnelusa to Madison as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(2,540-3,100) + 1.001(3,100-(-200))] - 1,021.3 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 164.6 \text{ psi}$$

#### **Cone-of-Influence**

Based on the calculated value for the critical pressure rise, the cone-of-influence can be calculated for DW No. 3 over a ten-year period of injection. At DW No. 3, there is projected to be a 14.4' cone-of-influence for continuous injection at a rate of 75 gpm (2,571 bwpd) in the Minnelusa Formation (Table A-3). This is the value at which pressure at distance intersects the critical pressure rise of 96.1 psi from the Minnelusa to the Unkpapa/Sundance (Figure A-6). Since the critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to the over-pressured Madison is never intersected, even at the well bore, there is

no COI and no potential exists for contamination of the Madison. As such, the fixed radius of 1,320' (1/4 mile) will be used. Pressure rise has been evaluated in an infinite acting reservoir with a line source well using the log-approximation of the radial flow diffusivity equation (Lee, 1982).

$$dP = -70.6 Bq\mu /kh * \ln ( [ 1,688 \mu c_i r^2 /kt ] -2s)$$

where the values listed in Table A-3 have been assigned based on site-specific information.

Calculations for pressure rise due to ten years of injection have been based on a rate of 75 gpm. Well capacities will be verified during the drilling, testing, and completion process.

### **DEADWOOD TO MADISON FOR DW NO. 2 – SITE 1**

Original pressure in the Deadwood has been calculated based on an estimated formation fluid level of 2,900' above the top of the Deadwood. For the estimated top of the injection interval of 3,100' (See Response F, Table F-2), a gradient of 0.433 psi/ft \* 1.008 (SG of 15,000 mg/l TDS brine) yields a pressure of 1,265.7 psi at the top of the Deadwood.

In assigning the critical pressure rise and calculating the cone-of-influence (Tables A-1 and A-4) at this site, the base of the overlying USDW, the Madison Formation, is assigned as 3,060', as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. Original pressure in the Madison has been calculated based on an artesian aquifer condition with a water level of approximately 200' above ground surface. This head is based on historical water well data for the City of Edgemont water wells completed in the Madison Formation (Appendix D). Based on an estimated shut-in pressure of 150 psi and a minimum surface elevation of 3,450', the potentiometric surface of the Madison at Edgemont is 3,745' (345' above ground surface). It is noted that surface elevation at Edgemont wells may be as high as 3,650'. Given the elevation increase of approximately 100' to 300' from Edgemont to the Dewey-Burdock Project, it is reasonable to assume a potentiometric level of approximately 3,900' AMSL (~200' above ground surface) at Dewey-Burdock. USGS potentiometric maps for this formation are regional and based on little (if any) local data (Figure D-10, Driscoll et al., 2002). The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to Madison of 164.7 psi (Table A-1). It is noted that formation parameters have been estimated from available data and will be verified through formation testing during the drilling process.

The values in Table A-1 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Deadwood to Madison as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(3,100-3,060) + 1.001(3,060-(-200))] - 1,265.7 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 164.7 \text{ psi}$$

### **Cone-of-Influence**

Based on the calculated value for the critical pressure rise, the cone-of-influence can be calculated for the DW No. 2 over a ten-year period of injection. At DW No. 2, there is projected to be a 1,210' cone-of-influence for continuous injection at a rate of 75 gpm (2,571 bwpd) in the Deadwood Formation (Table A-4). This is the value at which pressure at distance intersects the critical pressure rise of 164.7 psi from the Deadwood to the Madison (Figure A-7). Pressure rise has been evaluated in an infinite acting reservoir with a line source well using the log-approximation of the radial flow diffusivity equation (Lee, 1982).

$$dP = -70.6 Bq\mu /kh * \ln ( [ 1,688 \mu c_i r^2 /kt ] -2s)$$

where the values listed in Table A-4 have been assigned based on site-specific information.

Calculations for pressure rise due to ten years of injection have been based on a rate of 75 gpm. Well capacities will be verified during the drilling, testing, and completion process.

#### **DEADWOOD TO MADISON FOR DW NO. 4 – SITE 2**

Original pressure in the Deadwood has been calculated based on an estimated formation fluid level of 3,235' above the top of the Deadwood. For the estimated top of the injection interval of 3,435' (See Response F), a gradient of 0.433 psi/ft \* 1.008 (SG of 15,000 mg/l TDS brine) yields a pressure of 1,412.0 psi at the top of the Deadwood.

In assigning the critical pressure rise and calculating the cone-of-influence (Tables A-2 and a-4) at this site, the base of the overlying USDW, the Madison Formation, is assigned as 3,395', as discussed in Response 2.D of this document. Original pressure in the Madison has been calculated based on an artesian aquifer condition with a water level of approximately 200' above ground surface. This head is based on historical water well data for the City of Edgemont water wells completed in the Madison Formation (Appendix D). Based on an estimated shut-in pressure of 150 psi and a minimum surface elevation of 3,450', the potentiometric surface of the Madison at Edgemont is 3,745' (345' above ground surface). It is noted that surface elevation at Edgemont wells may be as high as 3,650'. Given the elevation increase of approximately 100' to 300' from Edgemont to the Dewey-Burdock Project, it is reasonable to assume a potentiometric level of approximately 3,900' AMSL (~200' above ground surface) at Dewey-Burdock. USGS potentiometric maps for this formation are regional and based on little (if any) local data (Figure D-10, Driscoll et al., 2002). The result is a calculated critical pressure rise for the Minnelusa to Madison of 163.7 psi (Table A-2). It is noted that formation parameters have been estimated from available data and will be verified through formation testing during the drilling process.

The values in Table A-2 were used in the pressure rise equation to compute the critical pressure rise for Deadwood to Madison as follows:

$$P_c = 0.433[1.008(3,435-3,395) + 1.001(3,395-(-200))] - 1,412.0 \text{ psi}$$

or:

$$P_c = 163.7 \text{ psi}$$

#### **Cone-of-Influence**

Based on the calculated value for the critical pressure rise, the cone-of-influence can be calculated for the DW No. 2 over a ten-year period of injection. At DW No. 4, there is projected to be a 1,242' cone-of-influence for continuous injection at a rate of 75 gpm (2,571 bwpd) in the Deadwood Formation (Table A-4). This is the value at which pressure at distance intersects the critical pressure rise of 163.7 psi from the Deadwood to the Madison (Figure A-7). Pressure rise has been evaluated in an infinite acting reservoir with a line source well using the log-approximation of the radial flow diffusivity equation (Lee, 1982).

$$dP = -70.6 Bq\mu / kh * \ln ( [ 1,688 \mu c_r^2 / kt ] -2s)$$

where the values listed in Table A-4 have been assigned based on site-specific information.

Calculations for pressure rise due to ten years of injection have been based on a rate of 75 gpm. Well capacities will be verified during the drilling, testing, and completion process.

## **Radius of Fluid Displacement**

### Minnelusa

The same formation parameters for each formation that were used in the COI calculations were used to calculate the ROFD. Using a porosity of 21% and an effective thickness of 164', the calculated ROFD is 698' after 10 years of constant rate injection at 75 gpm. The effect of an estimated hydraulic gradient of 10 ft/mile alters the maximum ROFD by 8.12' which yields a total calculated ROFD of approximately 706' (Table A-5). The ROFD in the Minnelusa is presented on Figure B-2.

### Deadwood

Using a porosity of 11% and an effective thickness of 85', the calculated ROFD is 1,339' after 10 years of constant rate injection at 75 gpm. The effect of an estimated hydraulic gradient of 10 ft/mile alters the maximum ROFD by 15.50' which yields a total calculated ROFD of approximately 1,355' (Table A-6). The ROFD in the Deadwood is presented on Figure B-2a.

## **Final AORs**

The calculated COIs for DW Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are 13.2', 1,210', 14.4', and 1,242', respectively. The distances for DW Nos. 1 and 3 are less than the calculated ROFDs for the Minnelusa (706') and less than a fixed radius of ¼ mile or 1,320'. As such, a radius of 1,320' has been used for evaluation of all artificial penetrations for Class V injection into the Minnelusa Formation for DW No. 1 and DW No. 3 (Figure B-2).

The calculated COIs for DW Nos. 2 and 4 are less than the calculated ROFDs for the Deadwood (1,355') and greater than a fixed radius of ¼ mile or 1,320'. As such, a radius of 1,355' has been used for DW No. 2 and DW No. 4 for evaluation of all artificial penetrations for Class V injection into the Deadwood Formation (Figure B-2a). Figure B-2b presents the final AORs of the four planned wells relative to the Class V permit area and oil and gas wells near the project. The Class V permit area is defined conservatively by applying the maximum calculated AOR of 1,355' as an offset from the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary and the oil and gas wells permitted within that boundary.

The input parameters used to calculate the AORs are based on formation parameters derived from limited data and will be verified with site-specific data gathered during the drilling, testing, and completion process. If the input parameters that have been used are found to yield projections that are insufficiently conservative (e.g., they vary by more than 20%), the AORs will be recalculated.

## **Pressure Rise at the Dewey Fault**

The Dewey Fault shown on Figure B-2b is located in excess of 4,000' to the northwest of the nearest corner of the proposed Class V permit area. While some authors have mapped it as dipping to the southeast, it is shown at the same location relative to the Dewey-Burdock Project at surface and at depth (Figures D-1, D-8, D-10, D-14, and D-15). As such, it is more likely a near vertical fault in proximity to the site. The pressure rise at a distance of 4,000' due to injection in the Minnelusa would be approximately 34 psi. This is less than the calculated critical pressure rise of 96.1 psi (Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance) and 164.6 psi (Minnelusa to Madison). The pressure rise at a distance of 4,000' due to injection into the Deadwood would be approximately 119 psi. This is less than the calculated critical pressure rise of 163.7 psi necessary to transmit fluid from the Deadwood to the Madison along any hypothetical open pathway. It can thus be concluded that the Dewey Fault could not act as a conduit for fluid to rise to a USDW due to injection into the Minnelusa or

Deadwood in the vicinity of the proposed Class V permit area.

TABLE A-1 Critical Pressure Rise - Site 1

PC=0.433(YbDbb+Yw(Dw-L))-Po	Inj. Zone DTW (ft;bgs)	Yb (Inj. Z)	Confining Zone Db (feet; bgs)	SG of USDW Yw (USDW)	Top Inj. Zone Dx (feet; bgs)	Base/Top Inj. Zone Dw (feet; bgs)	USDW DTW L (feet; bgs)	Inj. Zone Po (psi)
<b>Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance</b>	200	1.008	695	1.001	1615	920	-29	617.6
PC = 97.1 psi								
<b>Minnelusa to Madison</b>	200	1.008	-560	1.001	2205	2765	-200	875.1
PC = 165.6 psi								
<b>Deadwood to Madison</b>	200	1.008	40	1.001	3100	3060	-200	1,265.7
PC = 164.7 psi								

Po calculated based on a depth to water of 1,400' above top of Minnelusa; fluid gradient of Minnelusa and Deadwood = 0.433 psi/ft x 1.008 (SG)

TABLE A-2 Critical Pressure Rise - Site 2

Pc=0.433(YbDb+Yw(Dw-L))-Po	Inj. Zone DTW (ft;bgs)		Yb (Inj. Z)	Confining Zone Db (feet; bgs)	SG of USDW Yw (USDW)	Top Inj. Zone Dx (feet; bgs)	Base/Top Inj. Zone Dw (feet; bgs)	USDW DTW L (feet; bgs)	Inj. Zone Po (psi)
<b>Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance</b>		200	1.008	695	1.001	1950	1255	-29	763.8
Pc = 96.1 psi									
<b>Minnelusa to Madison</b>		200	1.008	-560	1.001	2540	3100	-200	1,021.3
Pc = 164.6 psi									
<b>Deadwood to Madison</b>		200	1.008	40	1.001	3435	3395	-200	1,412.0
Pc = 163.7 psi									

Po calculated based on a depth to water of 1,400' above top of Minnelusa; fluid gradient of Minnelusa and Deadwood = 0.433 psi/ft x 1.008 (SG)

TABLE A-3 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Minnelusa Formation

Injection Rate (gpm)  75

Based on Equation 1.11 (Lee, 1982; P. 5)

$$dp = -70.6(qBu/kh)[\ln(1.688.388 * por * u * ct * rw^2 / (kt) - 2s)]$$

Where

- dp = pressure differential
- q = flowrate (STB/d)
- B = formation volume factor (RB/STB)
- u = viscosity (cp)
- k = permeability (md)
- h = reservoir thickness (feet)
- por = formation effective porosity (percent)
- ct = total matrix and fluid compressibility (1/psi)
- rw = radius (feet)
- t = injection time (hours)
- s = skin factor (units)

	Solve psi
	2,571.43 bbl/d
	1.01 RB/STB
	0.74 cp
	150 md
	164 feet
	0.21 fraction
	6.50E-06 psi-1
	Variable feet
	87660.0 hours = 10.00 years
	0.0

Term 1 -70.6(qBu/kh)  
 Term 2 (por\*u\*ct\*rw^2/kt)

Injection Rate (gpm) = 75

$$dp = Term 1 * \ln(1688.388 * Term 2)$$

Radius (ft)	Term 1	Term 2	[ln (term 2) - 2s]	dp (psi)
rw	-5.51566	5.2098E-15	-25.45671	140.4
no skin	-5.51566	1.9205E-14	-24.15208	133.2
	-5.51566	7.6820E-14	-22.76579	125.6
	-5.51566	1.9205E-12	-19.54691	107.8
13.2	-5.51566	1.3385E-11	-17.60535	97.1
14.4	-5.51566	1.5929E-11	-17.43133	96.1
22.6	-5.51566	3.9236E-11	-16.52989	91.2
25	-5.51566	4.8012E-11	-16.32804	90.1
35	-5.51566	9.4104E-11	-15.65509	86.3
48.5	-5.51566	1.8070E-10	-15.00266	82.7
50.5	-5.51566	1.9591E-10	-14.92184	82.3
75	-5.51566	4.3211E-10	-14.13081	77.9

Minn-Madison NO COI At 165.6 (DW No. 1) or 164.6 (DW No. 3)  
 Minn-Unkpapa/Sundance Pc=97.1 psi (DW No. 1)  
 Minn-Unkpapa/Sundance Pc=96.1 psi (DW No. 3)



TABLE A-3 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Minnelusa Formation

100	-5.51566	7.6820E-10	-13.55545	74.8
125	-5.51566	1.2003E-09	-13.10916	72.3
150	-5.51566	1.7284E-09	-12.74452	70.3
172	-5.51566	2.2726E-09	-12.47080	68.8
200	-5.51566	3.0728E-09	-12.16915	67.1
225	-5.51566	3.8890E-09	-11.93359	65.8
250	-5.51566	4.8012E-09	-11.72287	64.7
275	-5.51566	5.8095E-09	-11.53225	63.6
300	-5.51566	6.9138E-09	-11.35822	62.6
325	-5.51566	8.1141E-09	-11.19814	61.8
350	-5.51566	9.4104E-09	-11.04992	60.9
375	-5.51566	1.0803E-08	-10.91194	60.2
400	-5.51566	1.2291E-08	-10.78286	59.5
425	-5.51566	1.3876E-08	-10.66161	58.8
450	-5.51566	1.5556E-08	-10.54729	58.2
500	-5.51566	1.9205E-08	-10.33657	57.0
625	-5.51566	3.0008E-08	-9.89028	54.6
750	-5.51566	4.3211E-08	-9.52564	52.5
1000	-5.51566	7.6820E-08	-8.95028	49.4
1250	-5.51566	1.2003E-07	-8.50399	46.9
1500	-5.51566	1.7284E-07	-8.13935	44.9
1830	-5.51566	2.5726E-07	-7.74165	42.7
2020	-5.51566	3.1345E-07	-7.54408	41.6
2250	-5.51566	3.8890E-07	-7.32842	40.4
2400	-5.51566	4.4248E-07	-7.19934	39.7
3000	-5.51566	6.9138E-07	-6.75305	37.2
3500	-5.51566	9.4104E-07	-6.44475	35.5
4000	-5.51566	1.2291E-06	-6.17769	34.1
4500	-5.51566	1.5556E-06	-5.94212	32.8
5280	-5.51566	2.1416E-06	-5.62243	31.0
6000	-5.51566	2.7655E-06	-5.36676	29.6
6600	-5.51566	3.3463E-06	-5.17614	28.5
6700	-5.51566	3.4484E-06	-5.14606	28.4
6800	-5.51566	3.5521E-06	-5.11643	28.2
6900	-5.51566	3.6574E-06	-5.08723	28.1
7000	-5.51566	3.7642E-06	-5.05846	27.9
7100	-5.51566	3.8725E-06	-5.03009	27.7
7200	-5.51566	3.9823E-06	-5.00212	27.6
7300	-5.51566	4.0937E-06	-4.97453	27.4
7400	-5.51566	4.2066E-06	-4.94732	27.3
7500	-5.51566	4.3211E-06	-4.92047	27.1
7600	-5.51566	4.4371E-06	-4.89398	27.0
7700	-5.51566	4.5546E-06	-4.86784	26.8
7800	-5.51566	4.6737E-06	-4.84203	26.7
7900	-5.51566	4.7943E-06	-4.81655	26.6
8000	-5.51566	4.9164E-06	-4.79139	26.4

TABLE A-3 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Minnelusa Formation

8100	-5.51566	5.0401E-06	-4.76655	26.3
8200	-5.51566	5.1653E-06	-4.74201	26.2
8300	-5.51566	5.2921E-06	-4.71777	26.0
8400	-5.51566	5.4204E-06	-4.69381	25.9
8500	-5.51566	5.5502E-06	-4.67015	25.8
9000	-5.51566	6.2224E-06	-4.55583	25.1
10000	-5.51566	7.6820E-06	-4.34511	24.0
10560	-5.51566	8.5664E-06	-4.23613	23.4
11000	-5.51566	9.2952E-06	-4.15449	22.9

TABLE A-4 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Deadwood Formation

Injection Rate (gpm) 75

Based on Equation 1.11 (Lee, 1982; P. 5)

$$dp = -70.6(qBu/kh)[\ln(1.688.388*por*u*ct*rw^2/kt)-2s]$$

Where

- dp = pressure differential
- q = flowrate (STB/d)
- B = formation volume factor (RB/STB)
- u = viscosity (cp)
- k = permeability (md)
- h = reservoir thickness (feet)
- por = formation effective porosity (percent)
- ct = total matrix and fluid compressibility (1/psi)
- rw = radius (feet)
- t = injection time (hours)
- s = skin factor (units)

	Solve psi
	2,571.43 bb/d
	1.01 RB/STB
	0.67 cp
	75 md
	85 feet
	0.11 fraction
	7.00E-06 psi-1
	Variable feet
	87660.0 hours = 10.00 years
	0.0

Term 1 -70.6(qBu/kh)

Term 2 (por\*u\*ct\*rw^2/kt)

Injection Rate (gpm) 75

$$dp = \text{Term 1} * \ln(1688.388*\text{Term 2})$$

Radius (ft)	Term 1	Term 2	[ln (term 2) - 2s]	dp (psi)
rw 0.26042	-19.27060	5.3217E-15	-25.43545	490.2
no skin 0.5	-19.27060	1.9617E-14	-24.13083	465.0
1	-19.27060	7.8470E-14	-22.74453	438.3
5	-19.27060	1.9617E-12	-19.52566	376.3
10	-19.27060	7.8470E-12	-18.13936	349.6
15	-19.27060	1.7656E-11	-17.32843	333.9
22.6	-19.27060	4.0079E-11	-16.50863	318.1
25	-19.27060	4.9044E-11	-16.30678	314.2
35	-19.27060	9.6126E-11	-15.63384	301.3

TABLE A-4 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Deadwood Formation

48.5	-19.27060	1.8458E-10	-14.98140	288.7
50.5	-19.27060	2.0012E-10	-14.90059	287.1
75	-19.27060	4.4139E-10	-14.10956	271.9
100	-19.27060	7.8470E-10	-13.53419	260.8
125	-19.27060	1.2261E-09	-13.08790	252.2
150	-19.27060	1.7656E-09	-12.72326	245.2
172	-19.27060	2.3215E-09	-12.44954	239.9
200	-19.27060	3.1388E-09	-12.14790	234.1
225	-19.27060	3.9725E-09	-11.91233	229.6
250	-19.27060	4.9044E-09	-11.70161	225.5
275	-19.27060	5.9343E-09	-11.51099	221.8
300	-19.27060	7.0623E-09	-11.33697	218.5
325	-19.27060	8.2884E-09	-11.17688	215.4
350	-19.27060	9.6126E-09	-11.02867	212.5
375	-19.27060	1.1035E-08	-10.89068	209.9
400	-19.27060	1.2555E-08	-10.76160	207.4
425	-19.27060	1.4174E-08	-10.64035	205.0
450	-19.27060	1.5890E-08	-10.52604	202.8
500	-19.27060	1.9617E-08	-10.31532	198.8
625	-19.27060	3.0652E-08	-9.86903	190.2
715	-19.27060	4.0116E-08	-9.59997	185.0
1000	-19.27060	7.8470E-08	-8.92902	172.1
1210	-19.27060	1.1489E-07	-8.54778	164.7
1242	-19.27060	1.2104E-07	-8.49558	163.7
1750	-19.27060	2.4031E-07	-7.80979	150.5
2000	-19.27060	3.1388E-07	-7.54273	145.4
2124	-19.27060	3.5401E-07	-7.42242	143.0
2180	-19.27060	3.7292E-07	-7.37037	142.0
3000	-19.27060	7.0623E-07	-6.73180	129.7
3500	-19.27060	9.6126E-07	-6.42350	123.8
4000	-19.27060	1.2555E-06	-6.15643	118.6
4500	-19.27060	1.5890E-06	-5.92087	114.1
5280	-19.27060	2.1876E-06	-5.60117	107.9
6000	-19.27060	2.8249E-06	-5.34550	103.0
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6800	-19.27060	3.6284E-06	-5.09518	98.2
6900	-19.27060	3.7359E-06	-5.06598	97.6
7000	-19.27060	3.8450E-06	-5.03720	97.1
7100	-19.27060	3.9557E-06	-5.00883	96.5
7200	-19.27060	4.0679E-06	-4.98086	96.0
7300	-19.27060	4.1817E-06	-4.95327	95.5
7400	-19.27060	4.2970E-06	-4.92606	94.9

Deadwood-Madison Pc=164.7 psi at DW No. 2  
 Deadwood-Madison Pc=163.7 psi at DW No. 4

TABLE A-4 Calculated Pressure Rise vs. Distance (Diffusivity Equation) - Deadwood Formation

7500	-19.27060	4.4139E-06	-4.89922	94.4
7600	-19.27060	4.5324E-06	-4.87273	93.9
7700	-19.27060	4.6525E-06	-4.84658	93.4
7800	-19.27060	4.7741E-06	-4.82077	92.9
7900	-19.27060	4.8973E-06	-4.79530	92.4
8000	-19.27060	5.0221E-06	-4.77014	91.9
8100	-19.27060	5.1484E-06	-4.74529	91.4
8200	-19.27060	5.2763E-06	-4.72075	91.0
8300	-19.27060	5.4058E-06	-4.69651	90.5
8400	-19.27060	5.5368E-06	-4.67256	90.0
8500	-19.27060	5.6694E-06	-4.64889	89.6
9000	-19.27060	6.3561E-06	-4.53457	87.4
10000	-19.27060	7.8470E-06	-4.32385	83.3
10560	-19.27060	8.7505E-06	-4.21488	81.2
11000	-19.27060	9.4949E-06	-4.13323	79.6

**Table A-5 Radius of Fluid Displacement Calculation - Minnelusa Formation**

Porosity = 0.21  
 Formation Thickness = 164 ft  
 Injection Rate = 75 gpm

r = radius of fluid displacement    Q = injection volume (ft<sup>3</sup>)

$$r = (Q/((\pi) \cdot h \cdot \text{porosity}))^{0.5}$$

Elapsed Time (yrs)	Qt (ft <sup>3</sup> )	r (ft)	r (miles)
1	5,270,055	221	0.04
5	26,350,275	493	0.09
10	52,700,550	698	0.13

**EFFECT OF REGIONAL HYDRAULIC GRADIENT**

ASSUME: Regional gradient = 0.0001 ft/ft (10 ft/mile)

Linear velocity (vl):

vl = (KI)/porosity where l = hydraulic gradient

K = 4.670 ft/d

Hyd. Gradient Displacement = (vl)\*(time)

Elapsed Time (yrs)	Injection Displacement Ri (ft)	Hyd. Grad. Displ. Rg (ft)	Total Fluid Displacement Rt (ft)
1	221	0.81	221.51
5	493	4.06	497.56
10	698	8.12	706.03

NOTE: The additional displacement due to the regional hydraulic gradient is independent of injection rate.

**Table A-6 Radius of Fluid Displacement Calculation - Deadwood Formation**

Porosity = 0.11  
 Formation Thickness = 85 ft  
 Injection Rate = 75 gpm

r = radius of fluid displacement    Q = injection volume (ft<sup>3</sup>)

$$r = (Q/((\pi) \cdot h \cdot \text{porosity}))^{0.5}$$

Elapsed Time (yrs)	Qt (ft <sup>3</sup> )	r (ft)	r (miles)
1	5,270,055	424	0.08
5	26,350,275	947	0.18
10	52,700,550	1339	0.25

**EFFECT OF REGIONAL HYDRAULIC GRADIENT**

ASSUME: Regional gradient = 0.0001 ft/ft (10 ft/mile)

Linear velocity (vl):

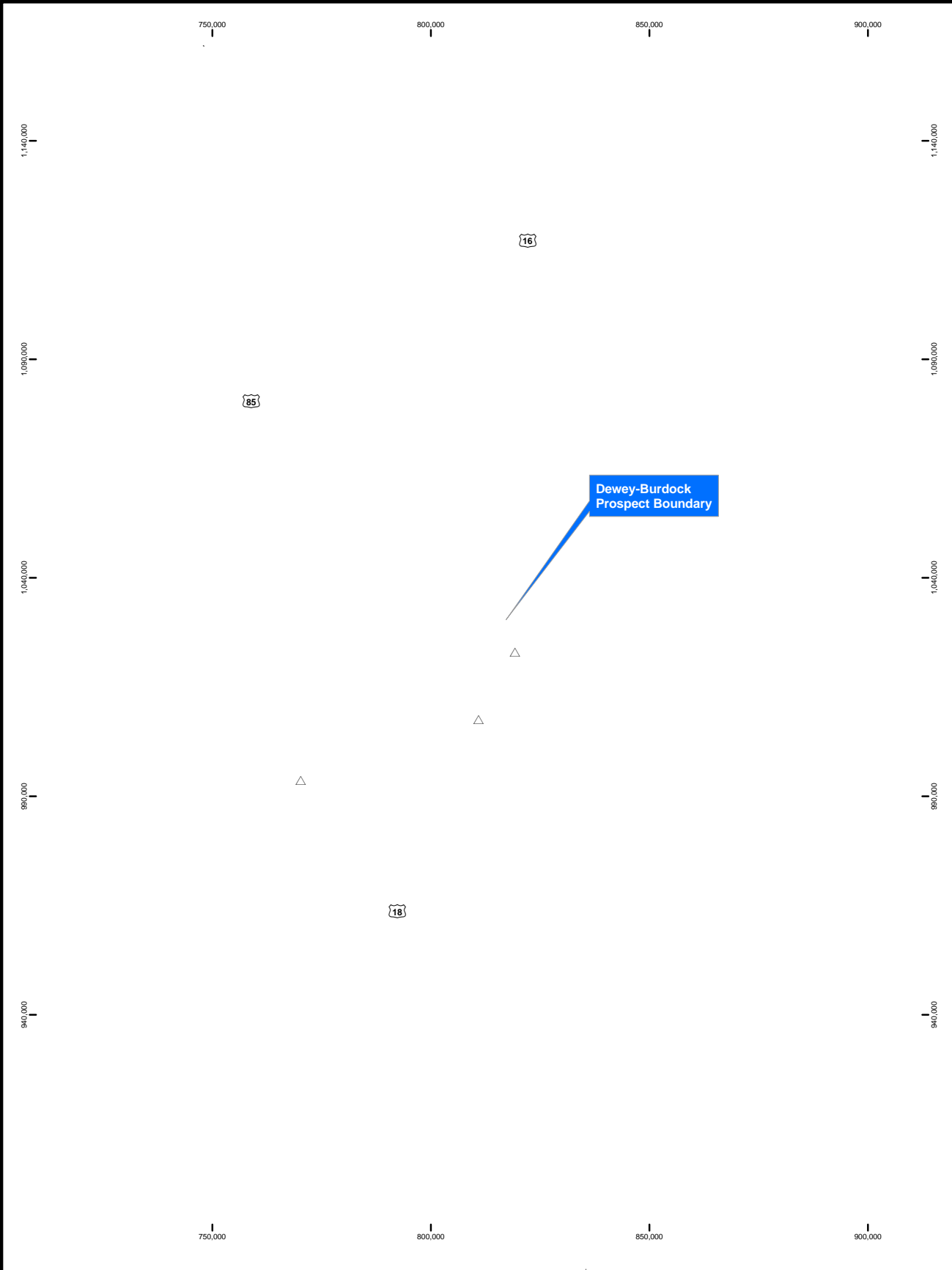
vl = (KI)/porosity where l = hydraulic gradient

K = 4.670 ft/d

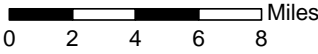
Hyd. Gradient Displacement = (vl)\*(time)


Elapsed Time (yrs)	Injection Displacement Ri (ft)	Hyd. Grad. Displ. Rg (ft)	Total Fluid Displacement Rt (ft)
1	424	1.55	425.12
5	947	7.75	954.88
10	1339	15.50	1354.95

NOTE: The additional displacement due to the regional hydraulic gradient is independent of injection rate.



- Legend**
- Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary
  - Type Log Location






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**Figure A-1**  
**Area of Interest**  
**Showing Location of Type Logs**  
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COMPANY: GEORGE DOLEZAL JR. & SONS OIL FIELD SERVICE  
 FIELD: WILLCAT  
 LOCATION: EARL DABROW  
 COUNTY: FALL RIVER  
 STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA

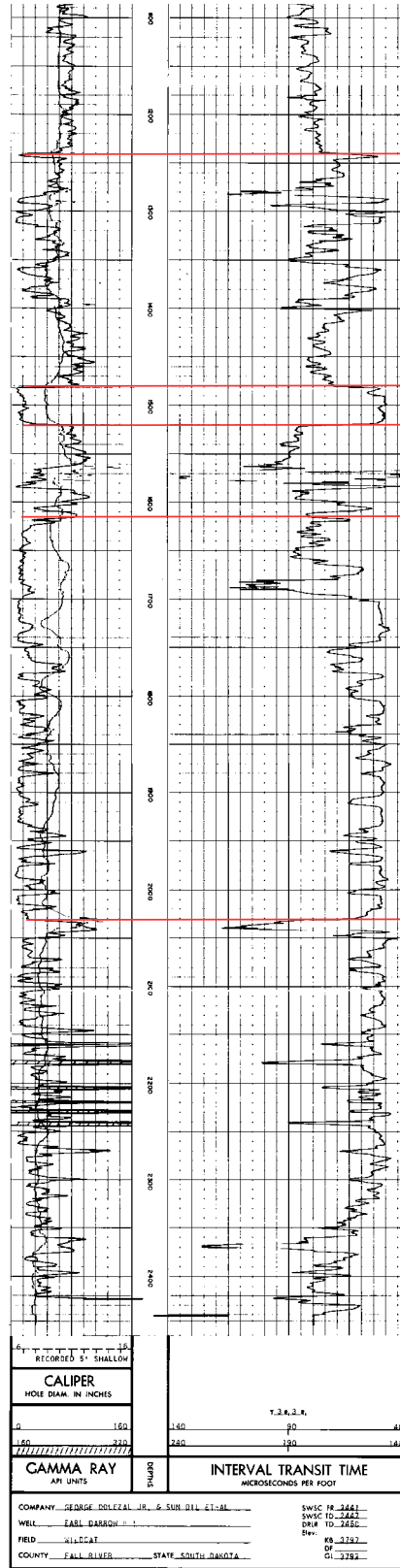
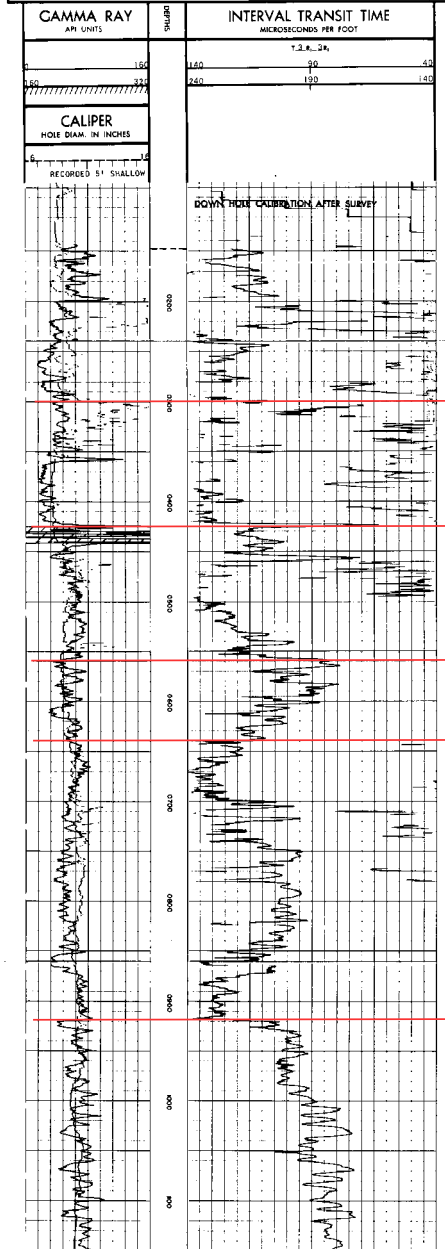
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 WELL NO: 2462  
 COUNTY: FALL RIVER  
 STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA

LOG NUMBER: 16  
 DATE: 03/23/10

LOG DEPTH: 918'  
 LOG TYPE: CONVENTIONAL

LOGGING SPEED: 50'/MIN  
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VELOCITY (feet per second): 1,000.000  
 INTERVAL TRANSIT TIME (microseconds per foot): 1,340.000



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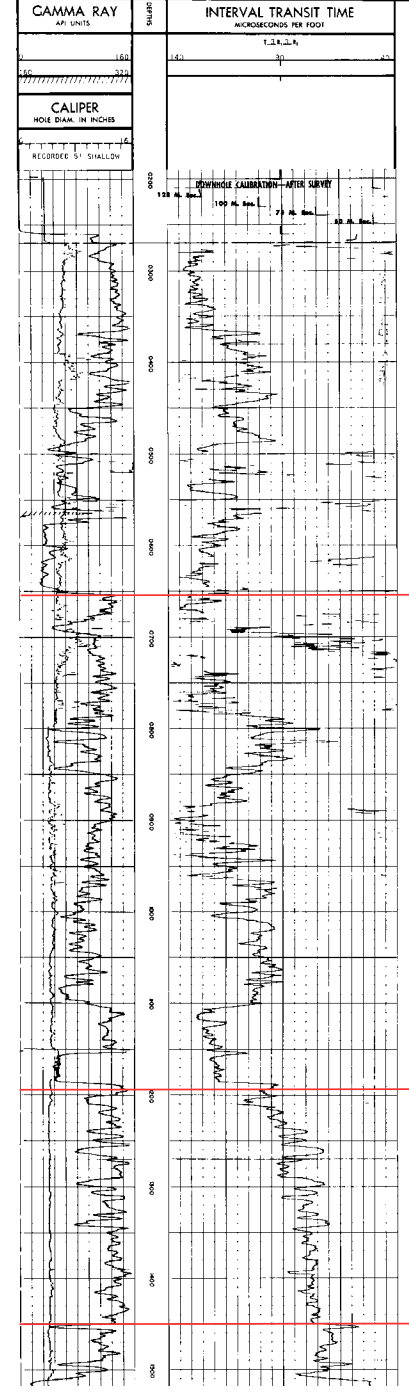
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 Black Hills Area, South Dakota  
 Type Log #1  
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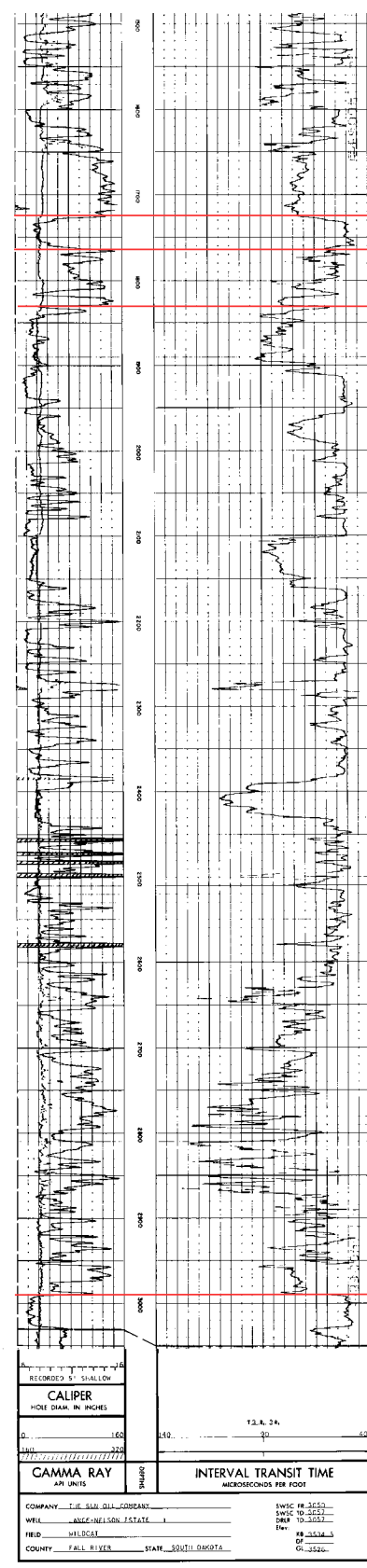
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655'  
Sundance Formation

1,195'  
Spearfish Formation

1,450'  
Goose Egg Formation



1726'  
Minnekahta Limestone

1765'  
Opeche Shale

1830'  
Minnelusa Formation

2990'  
Madison Formation

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Figure A-3  
Black Hills Area, South Dakota  
Type Log #2  
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### 10-Year Calculated Pressure Rise in Minnelusa Injection Target Q = 75 gpm, Injection Duration = 10 years

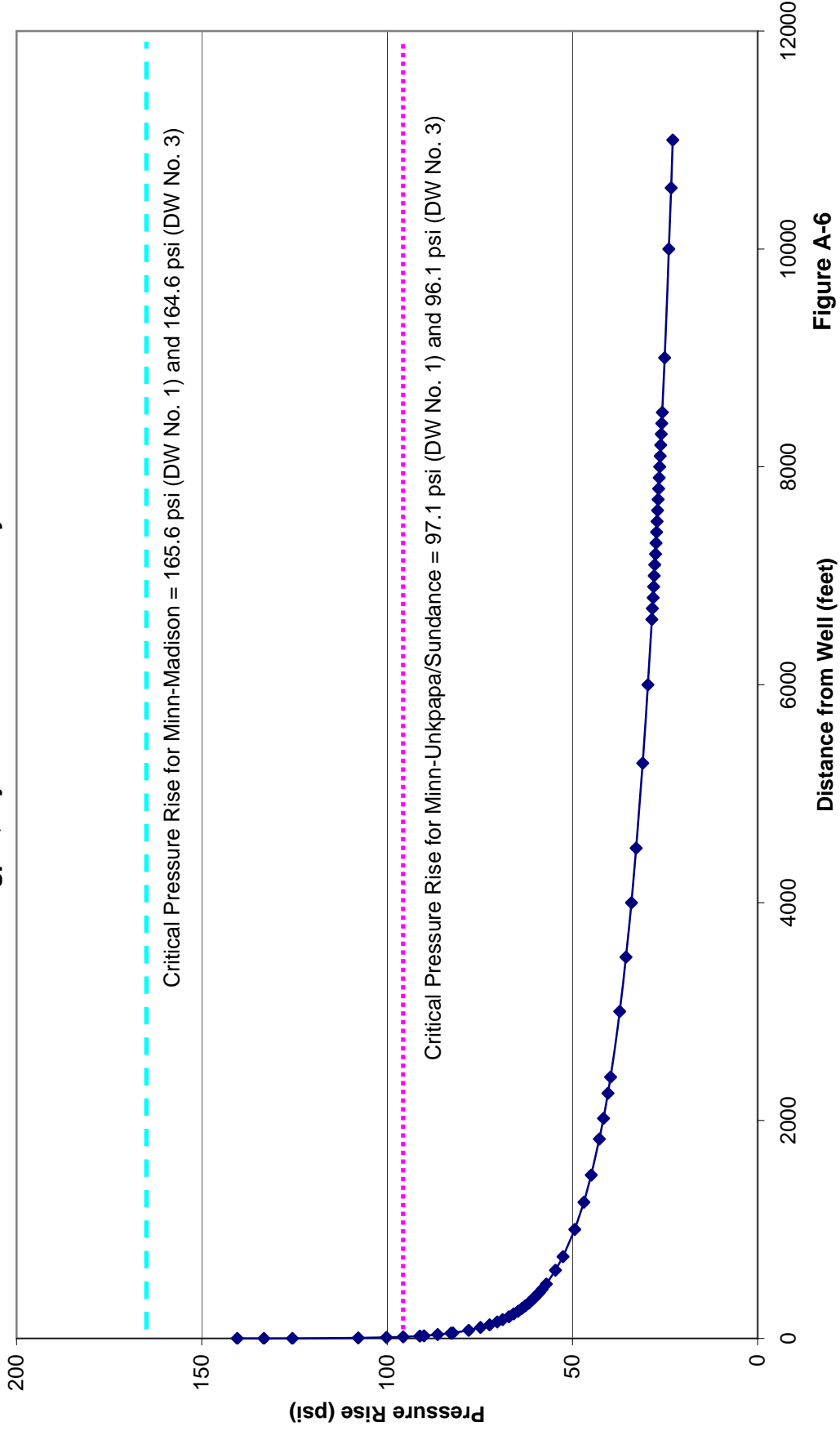


Figure A-6

### 10-Year Calculated Pressure Rise in Deadwood Injection Target Q = 75 gpm, Injection Duration = 10 years

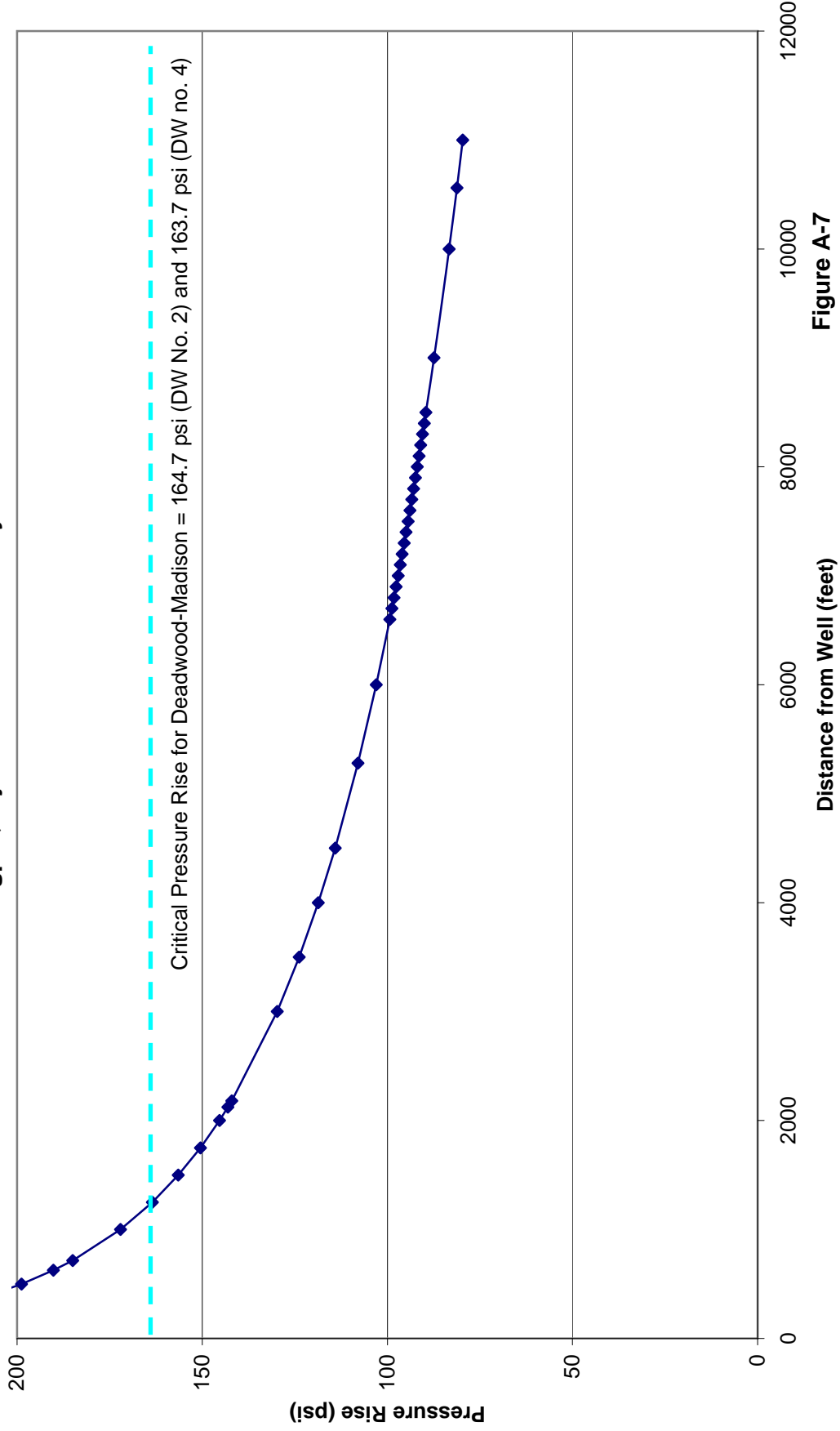


Figure A-7

## **2.B MAPS OF WELLS IN AREA AND AREA OF REVIEW**

*Submit a topographic map, extending one mile beyond the property boundaries, showing the injection well(s) or project area for which a permit is sought and the applicable area of review. The map must show all intake and discharge structures and all hazardous waste, treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. If the application is for an area permit, the map should show the distribution manifold (if applicable) applying injection fluid to all wells in the area, including all system monitoring points. Within the area of review, the map must show the following:*

*The number, or name, and location of all producing well, injection well, abandoned well, dry holes, surface bodies of water, springs, mines (surface and subsurface), quarries, and other pertinent surface features, including residences and roads, and faults, if known or suspected. In addition, the map must identify those well, springs, other surface water bodies, and drinking water wells located within one-quarter mile of the facility property boundary. Only information of public record is required to be included on this map.*

### **RESPONSE**

Maps based on available public records have been prepared and submitted in this Response as summaries of the required data.

#### **Topographic Map**

A copy of the USGS Topographic map available with the outline of the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary superimposed on the map is included as Figure B-1. In addition, the map shows the location of all known surface bodies of water, springs, mines, quarries, residences and roads.

#### **Artificial Penetrations**

There are two artificial penetrations identified in the areas of review surrounding Site 1 and one in the areas of review surrounding Site 2. Figures B-2 and B-2a show the artificial penetrations within the AORs for DW Nos. 1 through 4 for the Minnelusa and the Deadwood, respectively.

Figure B-2b, a map generated using regional data provided by the state of South Dakota, shows the Proposed Class V permit area, the location of the required AORs for four of the proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells, and the locations of surrounding oil and gas wells. Figure B-2c presents the location of all known water wells within the proposed Class V permit area.

Table C-1 is a tabulation of the known water wells located within the Class V permit area. The deepest formation penetrated by any of these wells is the Unkpapa/Sundance. Due to the absence of wells within the Class V permit area that penetrate the injection zones, there is little potential for causing any endangerment to a USDW.

Table C-2 is a tabulation of the three oil and gas wells permitted within the Dewey-Burdock Project area. The plugging records for these well are included as Appendix B. According to the records obtained from DENR, each of the wells is plugged to a sufficient depth so as not to allow transmission of fluids from the targeted injection zones to overlying USDWs. Note that none of these wells are located within the proposed Class V permit area. As such, they will not be encompassed in any prospective AORs of proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells.

### **Property Ownership and Public Notice**

Figure B-3 shows the surface property owners in the Dewey-Burdock Project area and Figure B-4 shows the mineral ownership within the Dewey-Burdock Project boundary.

For the purpose of public notice, newspaper service is available from several publishers in the area including the closest paper to the proposed facility, the Edgemont Herald Tribune.

**Legend**

 Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary



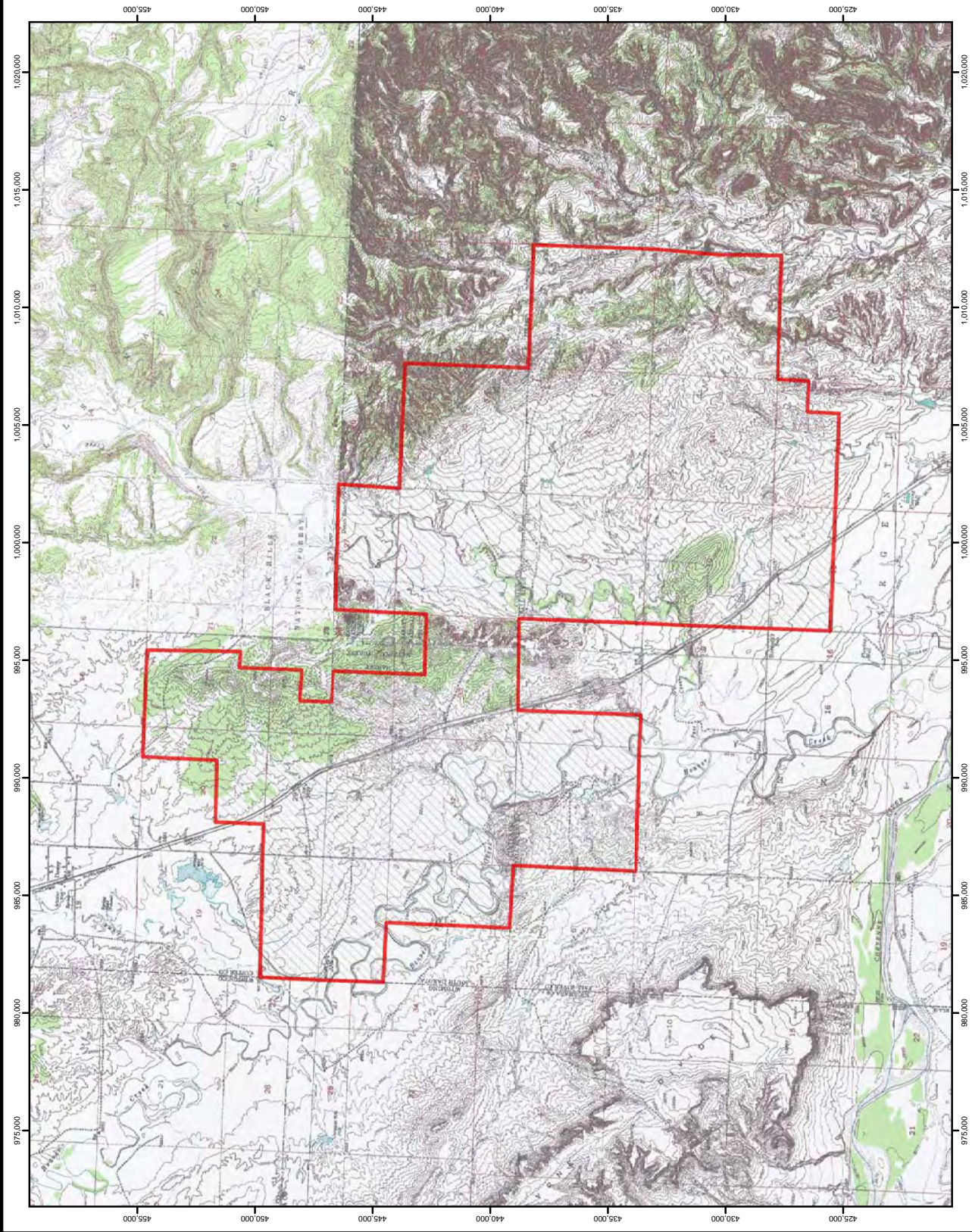
Figure B-1  
Topographic Map  
of Project Area

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**Legend**

- Water Wells
- PT\_DW's\_MinnetusaFm
- DW No. 1
- DW No. 3
- DW No. 1 13.2 ft COI
- DW No. 3 14.2 ft COI
- DW No. 1 706 ft ROFD
- DW No. 3 706 ft ROFD
- DW No. 1 1320 ft AOR
- DW No. 3 1320 ft AOR
- Processing Plant Sites
- Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary
- DB Class V Permit Area





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Figure B-2  
Water Wells Within AORs  
for the Minnetusa Formation

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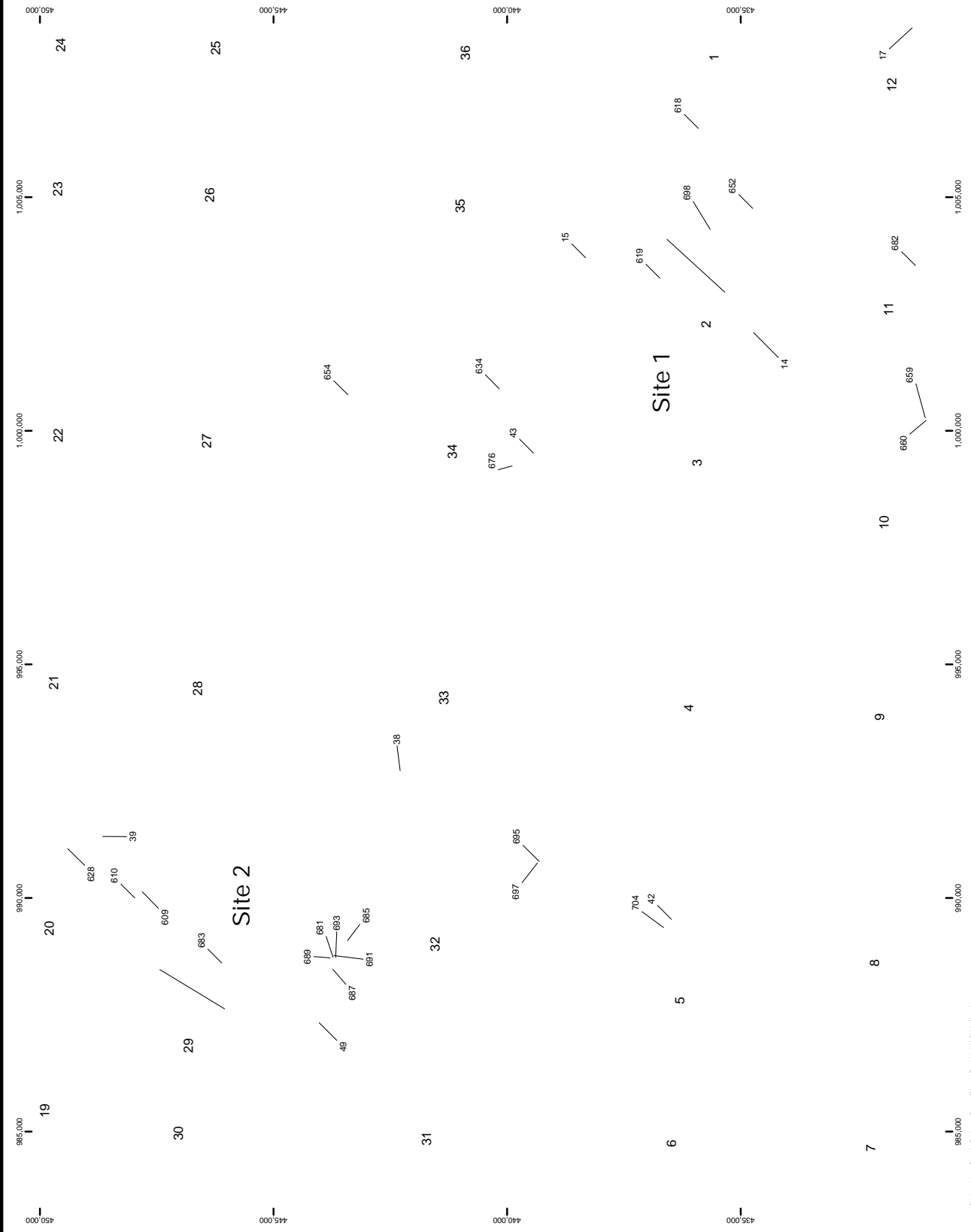
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**Legend**

- Water Wells
- PT\_DW DeadwoodFm
- DW No. 2
- DW No. 4
- DW No. 2 1210 ft COI
- DW No. 4 1242 ft COI
- DW No. 2 1355 ft ROFD / AOR
- DW No. 4 1355 ft ROFD / AOR
- Processing Plant Sites
- Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary
- DB Class V Permit Area



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Figure B-2a  
Water Wells Within AORs  
for the Deadwood Formation














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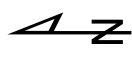
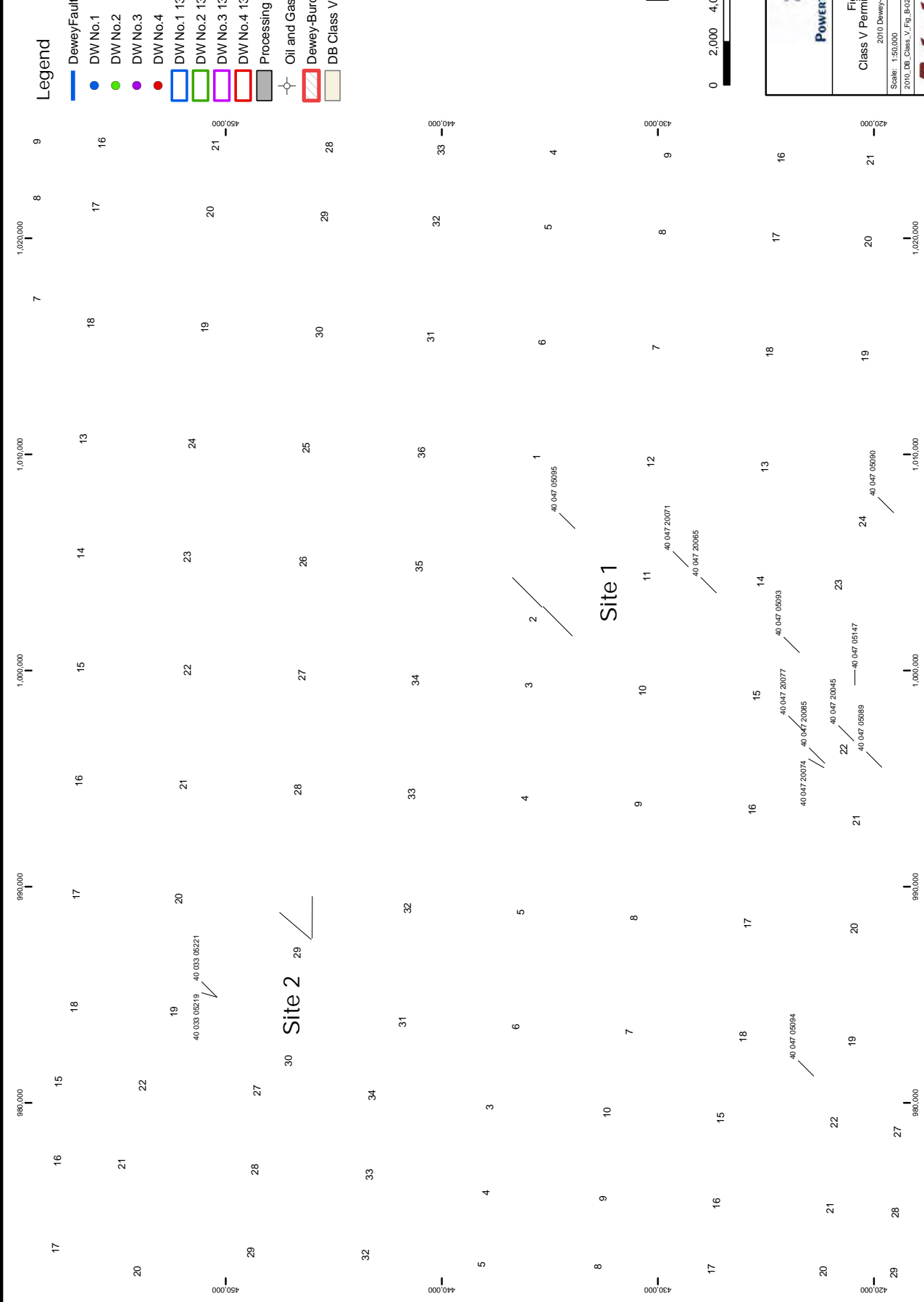
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-  Dewey Fault
-  DW No.1
-  DW No.2
-  DW No.3
-  DW No.4
-  DW No.1 1320 ft AOR
-  DW No.2 1355 ft AOR
-  DW No.3 1320 ft AOR
-  DW No.4 1355 ft AOR
-  Processing Plant Sites
-  Oil and Gas Wells
-  Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary
-  DB Class V Permit Area





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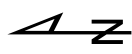
**Figure B-2b**  
**Class V Permit Area showing AORs**

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**Legend**

- Water Wells
- PT\_DWs
- DW No.1 - Minnelusa Fm
- DW No.2 - Deadwood Fm
- DW No.3 - Minnelusa Fm
- DW No.4 - Deadwood Fm
- DW No.1 1320 ft AOR
- DW No.2 1355 ft AOR
- DW No.3 1320 ft AOR
- DW No.4 1355 ft AOR
- Processing Plant Sites
- Dewey-Burdock Permit Boundary
- DB Class V Permit Area



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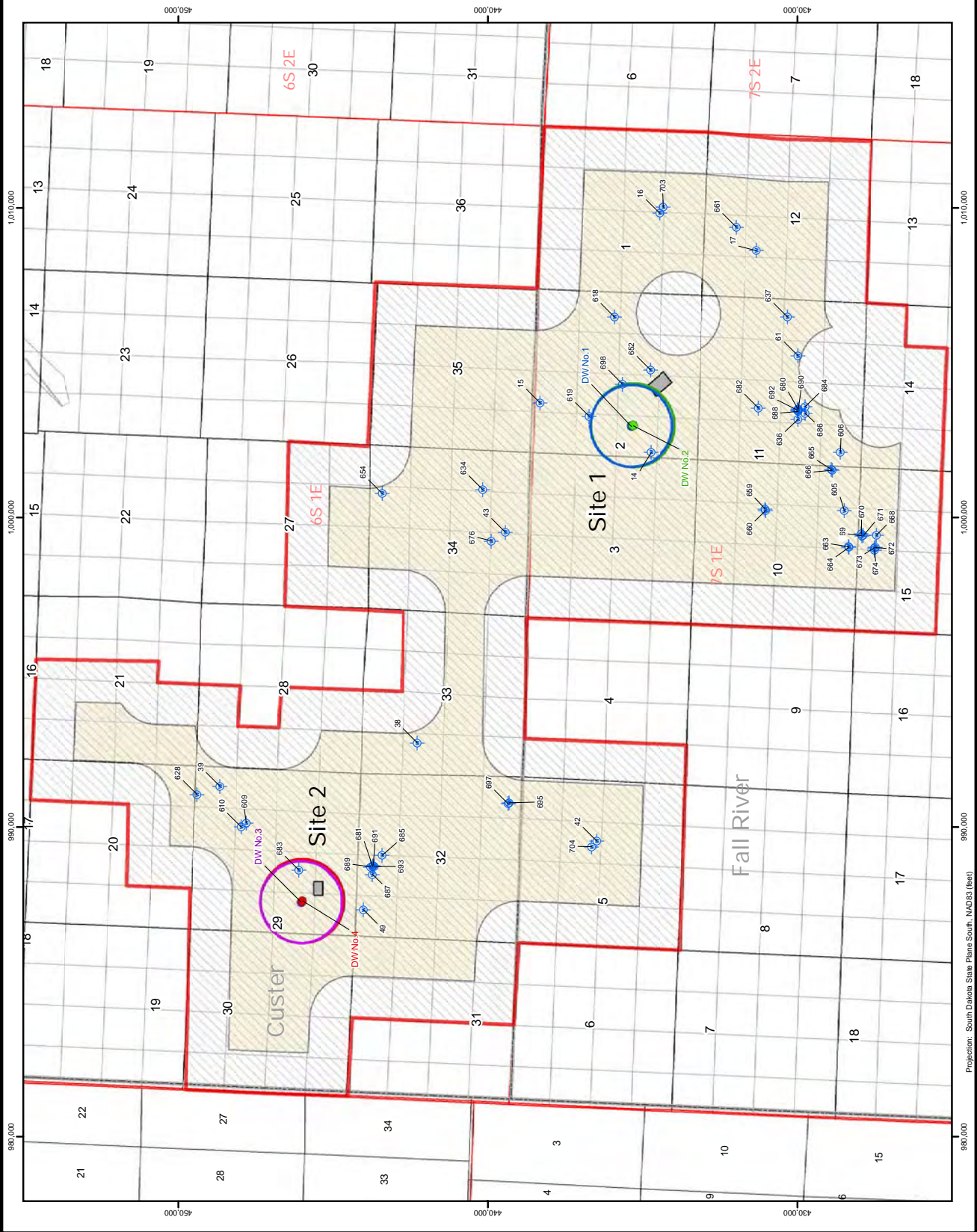
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Water Wells within  
Class V Permit Area

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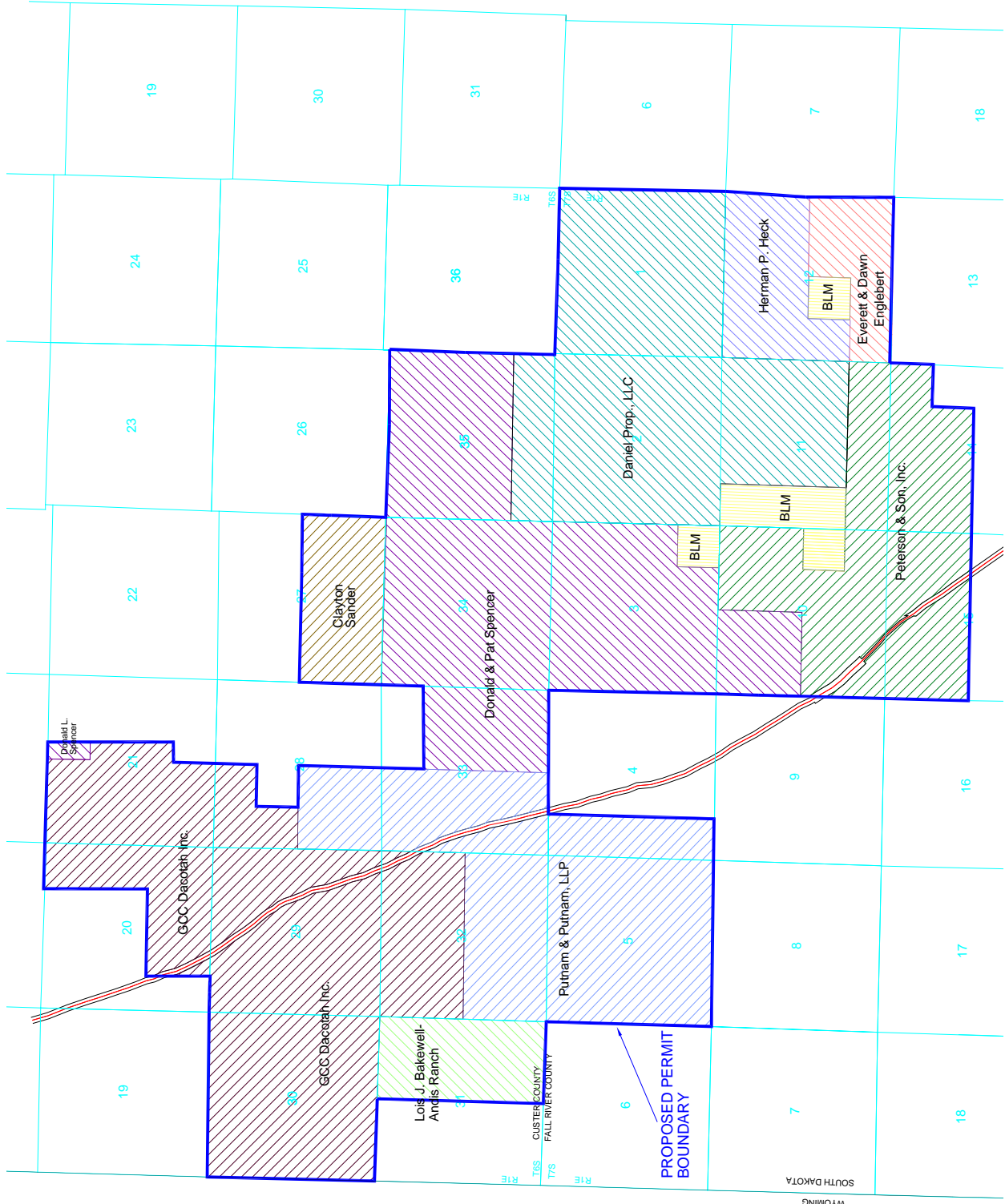
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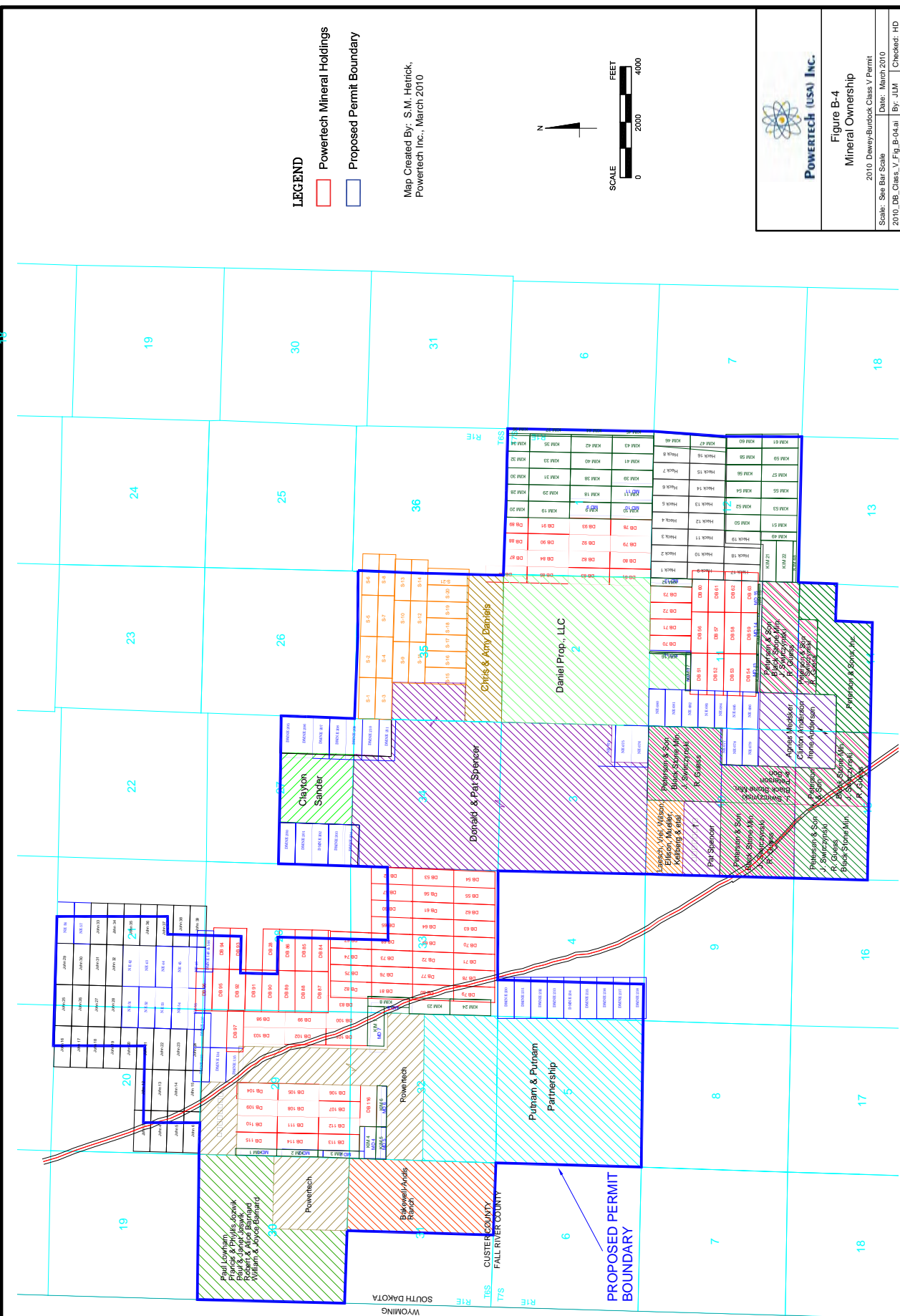


**Figure B-3**  
Surface Ownership Map  
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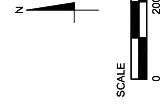


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**LEGEND**  
 [Red Outline] Powertech Mineral Holdings  
 [Blue Outline] Proposed Permit Boundary

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**Figure B-4**  
 Mineral Ownership  
 2010 Dewey-Burdick Class V Permit  
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 300,000,000 Feet UTM  
 NAD83 UTM Zone 18N  
 UTM Projection



Projection: South Dakota State Plane South, NAD27 (feet)

## 2.C CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND WELL DATA

*Submit a tabulation of data reasonably available from public records or otherwise known to the applicant on all wells within the area of review, including those on the map required in Attachment B, which penetrate the proposed injection zone. Such data shall include the following:*

*A description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, depth, record of plugging and/or completion, and any additional information the Director may require. In the case of a new injection well, include the corrective action proposed to be taken by the applicant under 40 CFR 144.55.*

### RESPONSE

#### Corrective Action

A corrective action plan is not required for any of the artificial penetrations within the AORs of the proposed Dewey-Burdock wells or the Class V permit area because there are no artificial penetrations to the injection zone within the Class V permit area. If a corrective action plan for any neighboring well becomes necessary in the future, it will be developed according to appropriate regulatory standards and guidelines.

The corrective action plan which would be proposed by Powertech should the potential for fluid migration to occur through the confining layer develop via any future well likely would include the following:

1. The impacted Dewey-Burdock Project Disposal Well will be shut-in.
2. The USEPA, Region 8 UIC Section and the SD DENR will be notified.
3. Following well shut-in, liquid 11e2 waste will be shipped to alternative permitted facilities for off-site treatment and/or disposal as necessary.
4. A contingency plan will be prepared as follows:
  - a. Locate well and identify present operator or owner, if any.
  - b. Identify mode of failure.
  - c. Prepare remedial plan outlining course of action.
  - d. The remedial plan will be submitted to the USEPA, Region 8 and SD DENR for approval.
  - e. Upon authorization, the remedial plan will be implemented.

#### Water Wells within AORs

Table C-1 is a tabulation of the known artificial penetrations (water wells) located within the Class V permit area. The deepest formation penetrated by any of these wells is the Unkpapa/Sundance. Due to the absence of wells within the Class V permit area that penetrate either of the targeted injection zones, there is no potential from artificial penetrations for causing any endangerment to a USDW.

### **Area of Review Oil and Gas Well Data**

Table C-2 is a tabulation of the three oil and gas wells permitted within the Dewey-Burdock Project area that are outside the assigned AORs. The plugging records for these wells are included as Appendix B. Plugging records obtained from DENR indicate that each of the wells is plugged to a sufficient depth so as not to allow transmission of fluids from the targeted injection zones to overlying USDWs. Note that none of these wells are located within the proposed Class V permit area. As such, they will not be encompassed in any prospective future AORs of proposed additional Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells.



**TABLE C-1 Known Water Wells Within Class V Permit Area**

Well ID	Well Depth (ft)	Formation	Abandoned	Depth to Water (ft)
605	Unknown	Inyan Kara	no	Unknown
606	Unknown	Lakota	yes	0
42	600	Lakota	no	-10
61	525	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
16	330	Lakota	no	158
618	Unknown	Unknown	no	Unknown
15	495	Lakota	yes	0
634	Unknown	Unknown	yes	Unknown
43	350	Lakota	yes	Unknown
14	470	Lakota	unknown	-1
636	Unknown	Unknown	yes	Unknown
637	Unknown	Unknown	no	Unknown
17	156	Fall River	no	Unknown
39	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	Unknown
652	280	Inyan Kara	yes	Unknown
654	Unknown	Inyan Kara	yes	Unknown
659	Unknown	Fall River	yes	Unknown
660	Unknown	Lakota	yes	Unknown
661	Unknown	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
663	550	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
664	360	Fall River	unknown	Unknown
665	252	Fall River	unknown	Unknown
666	441	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
669	550	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
670	395	Fuson	unknown	Unknown
671	350	Fall River	unknown	Unknown
672	376	Fall River	unknown	Unknown
673	440	Fuson	unknown	Unknown
674	570	Lakota	unknown	Unknown
676	23	Alluvial	no	Unknown
683	650	Fall River	no	5
687	608	Fall River	no	Unknown
685	595	Fall River	no	Unknown
682	460	Lakota	no	Unknown
686	428	Lakota	no	Unknown
684	423	Lakota	no	Unknown
690	623	Unkpapa/Sundance	no	-29
692	327	Lakota	no	Unknown
38	494	Lakota	no	-14
609	1000	Lakota	no	7
610	Unknown	Fall River	no	Unknown
619	280	Lakota	no	19
628	Unknown	Inyan Kara	no	Unknown
668	574	Inyan Kara	no	Unknown
698	205	Fall River	no	Unknown
704	955	Unkpapa/Sundance	no	Unknown
703	525	Unkpapa/Sundance	no	Unknown
695	508	Fall River	no	Unknown

**TABLE C-1 Known Water Wells Within Class V Permit Area**

<b>Well ID</b>	<b>Well Depth (ft)</b>	<b>Formation</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>	<b>Depth to Water (ft)</b>
697	682	Lakota	no	Unknown
691	505	Fall River	no	Unknown
693	910	Unkpapa/Sundance	no	-138
689	730	Lakota	no	-59
681	600	Fall River	no	-13
49	600	Fall River	no	Unknown
688	255	Fall River	no	37
680	436	Lakota	no	39

Source: 2009 Powertech Dewey-Burdock NRC Application

TABLE C-2 Oil and Gas Wells Within Project Area

Well API	Name	Well Depth (ft)	Formation	Well Status
40-047-05095	Earl Darrow #1	2,450	Minnelusa	Plugged and Abandoned
40-047-20071	#34-11 Peterson	2,250	Minnelusa	Plugged and Abandoned
40-047-20065	Lenore Peterson #21-14	2,266	Minnelusa	Plugged back to 850'

## 2.D MAPS AND CROSS SECTIONS OF USDWs

*Submit maps and cross sections indicating the vertical limits of all underground sources of drinking water within the area of review (both vertical and lateral limits for Class I), their position relative to the injection formation and the direction of water movement, where known, in every underground source of drinking water which may be affected by the proposed injection activities.*

### RESPONSE

The major bedrock aquifers in the Black Hills area include the Deadwood, Madison, Minnelusa, Minnekahta, and Inyan Kara (Carter et al, 2003). These aquifers are regionally extensive in areas surrounding the Black Hills as shown on Figure D-1 (Driscoll et al., 2002). A regional east-west geologic cross section across the Black Hills Uplift is shown on Figure D-2. The location of the cross section A-A' is indicated on Figure D-1. Ground-water flow in the regional aquifer system in the Paleozoic aquifer units (i.e., Deadwood, Madison, Minnelusa, and Minnekahta Formations) is generally interpreted to be radially outward from the outcrops surrounding the Black Hills (Figure D-3). Groundwater recharge from the Black Hills area comingles with groundwater in the Powder River Basin to the west and then migrates northeastward into the Williston Basin where it eventually discharges at lower elevations to the land surface in eastern North Dakota and along the outcrop of the Canadian Shield in Canada.

Only two of these major aquifers, the Madison and Inyan Kara, are considered to be USDWs within the AORs of the Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells. As discussed below, the Deadwood, Minnelusa, and Minnekahta do not supply water wells in the Dewey-Burdock area and are not considered to be USDWs locally. Further, due to local total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations in excess of 10,000 mg/l, (shown Table D-1 from the USGS Produced Waters Database [<http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/prov/prodwat/data2.htm>]), the Minnelusa is not a USDW.

Minor aquifers in the area include the Sundance formation (Driscoll et al., 2002). While some authors differentiate geologically between the Sundance and overlying Unkpapa Formation, they are thought to be hydrogeologically connected and are referred to as the Unkpapa/Sundance in this document. Further, the Unkpapa/Sundance is considered to be the lower-most USDW above the Madison below the Dewey-Burdock Project area.

#### Deadwood Formation

The Cambrian-age Deadwood Formation consists of massive to thinly-bedded, brown to light-gray sandstone; greenish glauconitic shale; dolomite; and flat-pebble limestone conglomerate. Sandstone with conglomerate occurs locally at the base of the formation. The Deadwood ranges in thickness from 0 to 500 feet (Carter et al., 2003) in the area. Generally, groundwater flow in the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer system is from the high-altitude recharge areas on the top of the Black Hills radially outward (Figure D-4). Regionally the Deadwood is confined by the Precambrian basement (Williamson and Carter, 2001). It overlies the Precambrian basement and granite wash (where present) and outcrops approximately 20 miles to the northeast of the Dewey-Burdock Project (Figure D-1). As stated previously, the Deadwood is not considered to be a local USDW. Based on available data, there are no known water wells supplied by the Deadwood Formation in the Dewey-Burdock Project area. There are no water quality data available in the area, but it is suspected that water quality declines with depth and distance down-gradient from the recharge at the outcrop. As a result, it is likely that the Deadwood contains dissolved solids in excess of 10,000 mg/l below Sites 1 and 2 and will not meet the USEPA criteria for a USDW. An isopach map of the Deadwood is included as Figure D-5.

### Madison Formation

The Mississippian Madison aquifer is contained within the limestones, siltstones, sandstones, and dolomite of the Madison Limestone or Group. Generally, water in the Madison is confined except in outcrop areas and can frequently demonstrate artesian conditions. Groundwater flow in this aquifer system generally is from the recharge areas radially outward from the Black Hills (Figure D-6). Water in the Madison is typically fresh only near the recharge areas, becoming slightly saline to saline as it moves down-gradient (Figure D-7). In the deeper parts of the Williston Basin, the water is a brine with dissolved solids concentrations greater than 300,000 mg/L (Driscoll et al., 2002). Local water quality for the Madison is summarized by analysis of the Edgemont city wells and is presented in Table D-1. Structure contour and isopach maps of the Madison are included as Figures D-8 and D-9, respectively. A potentiometric surface map of the Madison Formation is presented as Figure D-10.

### Minnelusa Formation

The Pennsylvanian- and Permian-age Minnelusa Formation consists of yellow to red, cross-stratified sandstone, limestone, dolomite, and shale. The Minnelusa Aquifer occurs primarily in sandstone and anhydrite beds in the upper part of the formation (Williamson and Carter, 2001). Water in this aquifer moves from recharge areas radially outward from the Black Hills and to the northeast to discharge areas in eastern South Dakota (Figure D-6). It is confined above by the Opeche Shale and below by layers of lower permeability in the Minnelusa Formation.

The Minnelusa is referred to as an aquifer but is an oil and gas producer in the Dewey-Burdock area. Table D-2 and Figure D-11 present local water quality data from the USGS Produced Waters Database for the Minnelusa Formation that shows TDS concentrations in excess of 10,000 mg/l in the Dewey-Burdock area. In addition, this formation does not supply water to any local water wells. As such, it is not considered to be a USDW in the Dewey-Burdock area. Structure contour and isopach maps of the Minnelusa are included as Figures D-12 and D-13, respectively. A potentiometric surface map of the Minnelusa Formation is presented as Figure D-14.

It has been postulated that in the vicinity of the Black Hills, there may be communication between the Madison and Minnelusa Formations and even communication from the Minnelusa to the surface via breccia pipes. However, this communication is thought to occur near the outcrop in areas where these formations are near surface. These areas are located well to the north and east of the Project area and up-gradient in the system. Evidence of regional isolation is the contrast between water quality in the Madison and Minnelusa. There is no evidence to suggest that there is communication between these formations locally.

### Minnekahta Formation

The Permian-age Minnekahta Limestone is a thin to medium-bedded, fine-grained, purple to gray laminated limestone, which ranges in thickness from 25 to 65 feet (Driscoll et al., 2002). The Minnekahta is considered a major aquifer in parts of the Black Hills area but does not supply any known water wells locally.

### Unkpapa/Sundance Formation

The Sundance Formation consists of greenish-gray shale with thin limestone lenses; glauconitic sandstone, with red sandstone near the middle of the formation. The Sundance ranges from 250 to 450 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). The Unkpapa Sandstone is a massive fine-grained sandstone, 0 to 225 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). A potentiometric surface map of the Unkpapa is presented as

figure D-14a. The Unkpapa/Sundance is considered a minor aquifer in the area. Local water quality data from wells located within the Dewey-Burdock Project are presented in Table D-3.

### Inyan Kara Group

Several sandstone units compose the lower Cretaceous aquifer, which is known as the Inyan Kara aquifer in South Dakota. These units are the Lakota and Fall River Formations and the Lakota is divided into the Chilson, Minnewaste, and Fuson Members. Some authors include the Minnewaste Limestone Member regionally, but it is not present below the project area. Generally, water in the Inyan Kara is confined by several thick shale layers of the Graneros Group (including the Skull Creek Shale), except in outcrop areas around structural uplifts, such as the Black Hills Uplift. Regionally, groundwater in the Inyan Kara moves from high-altitude recharge areas to discharge areas in eastern North Dakota and South Dakota. Although the aquifer is wide-spread, it contains little fresh water except in small areas in central and south-central Montana and north and east of the Black Hills uplift. Water in the Inyan Kara is saline in the deeper parts of the Williston and Powder River Basins (Driscoll et al., 2002). Table D-4 presents local water quality data from wells located within the Dewey-Burdock Project. A structure contour map of the Inyan Kara is included as Figure D-15. Isopach maps of each of the units that compose the Inyan Kara are included as Figures D-16, D-17, and D-18. A potentiometric surface map of the Fall River Aquifer is presented as Figure D-19.

Figure D-20 is a cross-section location map that shows A - A' (Figure D-21) and B - B' (Figure D-22) which show the vertical extent of the USDWs across the project area. The lowermost formations (Madison, Englewood, and Deadwood) are not shown due to the lack of deep well logs.

TABLE D-1 Local Water Quality Data - Madison Formation

Summary of Madison well data, Edgemont city water																						
Component	Well ID	Sample Date	BNR/TVA	11/6/2002	well 2	11/6/2002	well 4	11/6/2002	well 5	11/6/2002	TVA	5/23/2000	well 2	5/23/2000	well 4	5/23/2000	well 5	5/23/2000	Mean	Minimum	Maximum	Std. Dev
Physical properties																						
Conductivity		umhos/cm	1154	1671	1785	2140	580	580	580	580	1300	1700	1700	1700	1800	2300	2300	2300	1731.3	1154.0	2300.0	382.1
Hardness			406	503	528	580	580	580	580	580	410	460	460	460	500	560	560	560	493.4	406.0	580.0	64.3
pH			7.81	7.7	7.73	7.66	7.7	7.73	7.66	7.66	7.15	7.23	7.23	7.26	7.26	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.5	7.2	7.8	0.3
TDS		mg/L	726	1047	1101	1333	1333	1333	1333	1333	690	980	980	980	940	1000	1000	1000	977.1	690.0	1333.0	205.0
TSS		mg/L																				
Turbidity		NTU																				
Acidity																						
Alkalinity			188	181	182	180	182	182	180	180	170	160	160	160	160	170	170	170	173.9	160.0	188.0	10.5
Carbonate		mg/L																				
Bicarbonate		mg/L	229	221	222	220	222	222	220	220	210	200	200	200	200	210	210	210	214.0	200.0	229.0	10.7
Chloride		mg/L	185	255	300	385	300	300	385	385	150	250	250	250	270	360	360	360	289.4	150.0	385.0	79.7
Cyanide		mg/L																				
Fluoride		mg/L	0.843	1.1	1.07	1.32	1.07	1.07	1.32	1.32	0.9	1.05	1.05	1.03	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.2	
Nitrogen, Ammonia		mg/L																				
Nitrogen, Nitrate		mg/L	0.211	0.086	0.063	<.05	0.063	0.063	<.05	<.05	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	<.1	<.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	
Nitrogen, Nitrite		mg/L									<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	<.01	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Sulfate		mg/L	211	295	309	353	309	309	353	353	210	300	300	340	340	390	390	301.0	210.0	390.0	64.0	
Metals																						
Aluminum		mg/L																				
Arsenic		mg/L	0.006	0.01	0.01	0.008	0.01	0.01	0.008	0.008								0.0085	0.0	0.0	0.0019	
Calcium		mg/L	115	150	156	175	156	156	175	175	100	120	120	130	140	140	140	135.8	100.0	175.0	24.4	
Iron		mg/L	0.05	0.091	<.05	2.53	<.05	<.05	2.53	2.53	<.05	0.09	0.09	<.05	<.05	2.6	2.6	1.1	0.1	2.6	1.4	
Magnesium		mg/L	28.8	31.1	33.7	34.8	33.7	33.7	34.8	34.8	30	32	32	35	36	36	36	32.7	28.8	36.0	2.5	
Manganese		mg/L	0.05	0.05	<.05	<.05	<.05	<.05	<.05	<.05	<.03	<.03	<.03	<.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.00	
Mercury		mg/L																				
Lead		mg/L																				
Molybdenum		mg/L																				
Potassium		mg/L	10.6	17.3	17.9	23	17.9	17.9	23	23	12	19	19	20	24	24	24	18.0	10.6	24.0	4.7	
Selenium		mg/L																				
Sodium		mg/L	86.9	161	174	228	174	174	228	228	88	150	150	170	200	200	200	157.2	86.9	228.0	49.4	

Source: Summary of Madison well data, Edgemont city water <http://www.scdgs.uscd.edu/other/db.html>

TABLE D-2 Local Water Quality Data - Minnelusa Formation

API Number	Location						County	Formation Sampled	Sample Method	Test Interval		TDS (mg/L)
	Section	Township	Range	Latitude	Longitude	Bottom (feet)				Top (feet)		
										Top (feet)		
4003305005	34	6S	2E	43.48664	-103.86925	Custer	Minnelusa	DST	1,338	1,375	18,814	
4003305010	34	6S	2E	43.48814	-103.86781	Custer	Minnelusa	Production	1,368	1,388	13,512	
4003305010	34	6S	2E	43.48814	-103.86781	Custer	Minnelusa	Wellhead	1,356	--	7,740	
4003305015	34	6S	2E	43.49021	-103.86926	Custer	Minnelusa	Separator	713	--	7,429	
4003305035	30	5S	2E	43.58112	-103.93146	Custer	Minnelusa	Bailer	845	851	4,288	
4004705067	15	9S	2E	43.26232	-103.87392	Fall River	Minnelusa	DST	2,692	2,707	24,823	
4004705067	15	9S	2E	43.26232	-103.87392	Fall River	Minnelusa	DST	2,692	2,707	24,422	
4004705067	15	9S	2E	43.26232	-103.87392	Fall River	Minnelusa	WLT	2,230	2,234	9,803	
4004705089	21	7S	1E	43.42595	-103.99711	Fall River	Minnelusa	DST	2,390	2,400	21,391	
4004705089	21	7S	1E	43.42595	-103.99711	Fall River	Minnelusa	DST	2,390	2,400	17,279	
4004705089	21	7S	1E	43.42595	-103.99711	Fall River	Minnelusa	DST	2,390	2,400	16,652	
4004705092	21	7S	2E	43.42964	-103.88318	Fall River	Minnelusa	Unknown	1,415	1,418	10,183	
40000185	34	6S	2E	43.48480	-103.86630	Custer	Minnelusa	Separator	713	--	7,427	
40000183	34	6S	2E	43.48480	-103.86630	Custer	Minnelusa	Separator	680	--	6,968	

Notes:

-- - Data not provided.

Shading indicates duplicate samples.

Source: USGS Produced waters Database; <http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/prov/prodwat/data.htm>



TABLE D-3 Local Water Quality Data - Unkpapa/Sundance Formation

Well #635				
Analyte	9/26/07 18:08	11/27/07 8:25	2/10/08 14:55	4/29/08 19:00
A/C Balance (± 5) (%)	-1.14	-0.831	-0.25	3.52
Alkalinity-Total as CaCO3 (mg/L)	124	118	120	118
Aluminum-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Ammonia (mg/L)	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Anions (meq/L)	30.4	31.6	33.7	32.8
Antimony-Total (mg/L)			<0.003	<0.003
Arsenic-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Arsenic-Total (mg/L)			<0.001	0.001
Barium-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Barium-Total (mg/L)			<0.1	<0.1
Beryllium-Total (mg/L)			<0.001	<0.001
Bicarbonate as HCO3 (mg/L)	151	144	146	144
Boron-Dissolved (mg/L)	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Boron-Total (mg/L)			0.5	0.4
Cadmium-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Cadmium-Total (mg/L)			<0.005	<0.005
Calcium-Dissolved (mg/L)	110	120	132	136
Carbonate as CO3 (mg/L)	<5	<5	<5	<5
Cations (meq/L)	29.8	31.1	33.5	35.2
Chloride (mg/L)	24	23	26	20
Chromium-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Chromium-Total (mg/L)			<0.05	<0.05
Conductivity @ 25 C (umhos/cm)	2890	2830	2950	2810
Copper-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Copper-Total (mg/L)			<0.01	<0.01
Fluoride (mg/L)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Gross Alpha-Dissolved (pCi/L)	2.5	4.4	14.8	13.2
Gross Beta-Dissolved (pCi/L)	4.3	6.3	10	-8
Gross Gamma-Dissolved (pCi/L)	960	1000	91	
Iron-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Iron-Total (mg/L)			1.11	1.08
Lead 210-Dissolved (pCi/L)	<1	1.7	<1	
Lead 210-Suspended (pCi/L)	<1	5.1	<1	-9.6
Lead 210-Total (pCi/L)	<1			
Lead-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.001	0.003	<0.001	<0.001
Lead-Total (mg/L)			<0.001	<0.001
Magnesium-Dissolved (mg/L)	44.3	49	52.3	54.1
Manganese-Dissolved (mg/L)	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.06
Manganese-Total (mg/L)			0.06	0.05
Mercury-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Mercury-Total (mg/L)	<0.0002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Molybdenum-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Molybdenum-Total (mg/L)			0.01	<0.1
Nickel-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Nickel-Total (mg/L)			<0.05	<0.05
Nitrogen, Nitrate as N (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.05
Nitrogen, Nitrite as N (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.05
Oxidation-Reduction Potential (mV)		270	129.4	180
pH	7.72	7.64	7.91	8.2
Polonium 210-Dissolved (pCi/L)	<1	1.9	<1	1.1
Polonium 210-Suspended (pCi/L)	<1	<1	<1	
Polonium 210-Total (pCi/L)	<1			
Potassium-Dissolved (mg/L)	7.8	8.3	8.2	7.3
Radium 226-Dissolved (pCi/L)	1.6	0.8	1.3	
Radium 226-Suspended (pCi/L)	0.8	<0.2	0.6	0.3
Radium 226-Total (pCi/L)	2.4			

TABLE D-3 Local Water Quality Data - Unkpapa/Sundance Formation

Well #635				
Analyte	9/26/07 18:08	11/27/07 8:25	2/10/08 14:55	4/29/08 19:00
Radon 222-Total (pCi/L)		902	806	1070
Selenium-Dissolved (mg/L)	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Selenium-IV-Dissolved (mg/L)		0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Selenium-Total (mg/L)			<0.001	0.001
Selenium-VI-Dissolved (mg/L)		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Silica-Dissolved (mg/L)	8.6	9	10	4.9
Silver-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Silver-Total (mg/L)			<0.005	<0.005
Sodium Adsorption Ratio (SAR) (meq/L)		9.3	9.6	10
Sodium-Dissolved (mg/L)	470	480	515	545
Solids-Total Dissolved Calculated (mg/L)	2040	2120	2270	2280
Solids-Total Dissolved TDS @ 180 C (mg/L)	2200	2300	2300	2200
Strontium-Total (mg/L)			4.2	4.6
Sulfate (mg/L)	1500	1370	1470	1430
TDS Balance (0.80 - 1.20) (dec.%)	1.09	1.08	1.03	0.98
Thallium-Total (mg/L)			<0.001	<0.001
Thorium 230-Dissolved (pCi/L)	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.2
Thorium 230-Suspended (pCi/L)	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.1
Thorium 230-Total (pCi/L)	<0.2			
Thorium 232-Dissolved (pCi/L)	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Uranium-Dissolved (mg/L)	0.002	0.002	0.0021	0.0017
Uranium-Suspended (mg/L)	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
Uranium-Total (mg/L)	0.002		0.0021	0.0017
Vanadium-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Zinc-Dissolved (mg/L)	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.01
Zinc-Total (mg/L)			<0.01	<0.01

Source: Powertech 2008 Class III UIC Permit Application, Appendix F

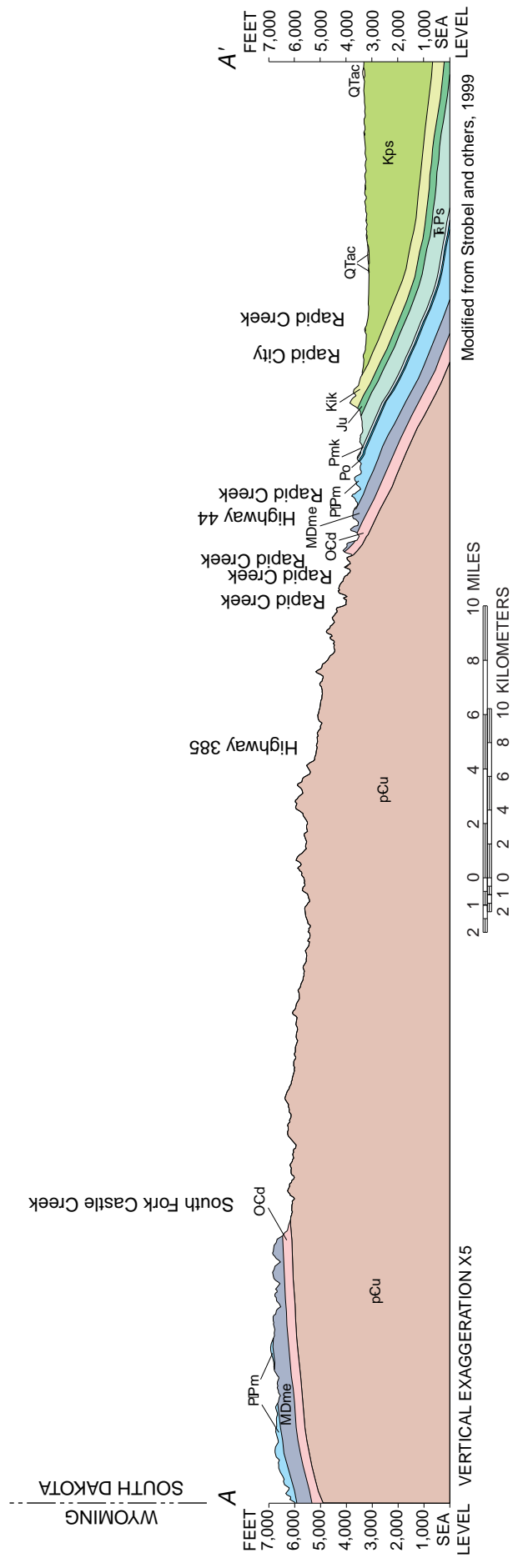
**TABLE D-4 Local Water Quality Data - Inyan Kara Group (Lakota and Fall River Formations)**

	Well	Mean			Minimum			Maximum		
		Powertech	TVA	RPD	Powertech	TVA	RPD	Powertech	TVA	RPD
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> , mg/L	2	181	219	19%	88	200	78%	214	242	12%
	7	171	181	6%	170	171	1%	176	191	8%
	8	166	178	7%	156	166	6%	178	194	9%
	13	159	173	8%	142	160	12%	170	196	14%
	16	153	152	1%	148	144	3%	160	157	2%
	18	179	196	9%	172	180	5%	184	238	26%
	42	178	188	5%	174	179	3%	180	204	13%
	4002	140	158	12%	138	144	4%	144	202	34%
	7002	261	261	0%	250	210	17%	280	300	7%
Conductivity, uS/cm	2	2285	1547	39%	1500	1450	3%	4400	1750	86%
	7	1542	1338	14%	1440	1325	8%	1650	1350	20%
	8	1450	1385	5%	1420	1285	10%	1560	1450	7%
	13	1292	1274	1%	1140	1100	4%	1420	1400	1%
	16	1063	1162	9%	925	1150	22%	1260	1175	7%
	18	1412	1379	2%	1330	1300	2%	1470	1420	3%
	42	1408	1353	4%	1310	1200	9%	1510	1400	8%
	4002	1220	1161	5%	1130	1100	3%	1340	1195	11%
	7002	2328	2339	0%	2200	1925	13%	2480	2500	1%
pH	2	7.91	7.7	3%	7.85	7.16	9%	7.94	8.2	3%
	7	8.11	8.5	5%	8.05	8.3	3%	8.17	8.7	6%
	8	7.95	7.87	1%	7.93	7.59	4%	7.97	8.5	6%
	13	7.9	7.76	2%	7.75	7.48	4%	8.05	8.1	1%
	16	7.46	7.34	2%	7.38	7.31	1%	7.57	7.39	2%
	18	8.08	7.94	2%	8.02	7.69	4%	8.11	8.4	4%
	42	8.02	7.94	1%	7.95	7.67	4%	8.08	8.4	4%
	4002	7.83	7.75	1%	7.65	7.51	2%	8.02	8.5	6%
	7002	7.36	7.44	1%	7.22	7.14	1%	7.56	8	6%
Total Dissolved Solids	2	1750	1043	51%	1100	1004	9%	3600	1113	106%
	7	999	1081	8%	896	1058	17%	1050	1104	5%
	8	1000	965	4%	940	860	9%	1100	1130	3%
	13	878	886	1%	850	792	7%	890	1006	12%
	16	814	846	4%	760	796	5%	940	894	5%
	18	958	909	5%	940	520	58%	990	1118	12%
	42	950	939	1%	930	888	5%	980	1033	5%
	4002	818	773	6%	790	740	7%	850	805	5%
	7002	1875	1843	2%	1800	1690	6%	1900	1970	4%

RPD (Relative Percent Difference) = The absolute difference divided by the average.

Source: Table 2.7-45: Comparison of Statistics for Selected Constituents between Historic TVA Data and current Powertech Data (2009 Powertech NRC Application)





**EXPLANATION**

Hydrogeologic Units	Stratigraphic Units	Map Units
Unconsolidated units	QTac	Alluvium and colluvium, undifferentiated
White River aquifer	Tw	White River Group
Tertiary intrusive units	Tu	Undifferentiated intrusive igneous rocks
Cretaceous-sequence confining unit	Kps	Pierre Shale to Skull Creek Shale, undifferentiated
Inyan Kara aquifer	Kik	Inyan Kara Group
Jurassic-sequence semiconfining unit	Ju	Morrison Formation to Gypsum Spring Formation, undifferentiated
Spearfish confining unit	FIPs	Spearfish Formation
Minnekahta aquifer	Pnk	Minnekahta Limestone
Opeche confining unit	Po	Opeche Shale
Minnelusa aquifer	PPM	Minnelusa Formation
Madison aquifer	MDme	Madison (Pahasapa) Limestone and Englewood Formation
Ordovician-sequence semiconfining unit	Ou	Whitewood Formation and Winnipeg Formation
Deadwood aquifer	OCd	Deadwood Formation
Precambrian igneous and metamorphic units	pCu	Undifferentiated metamorphic and igneous rocks

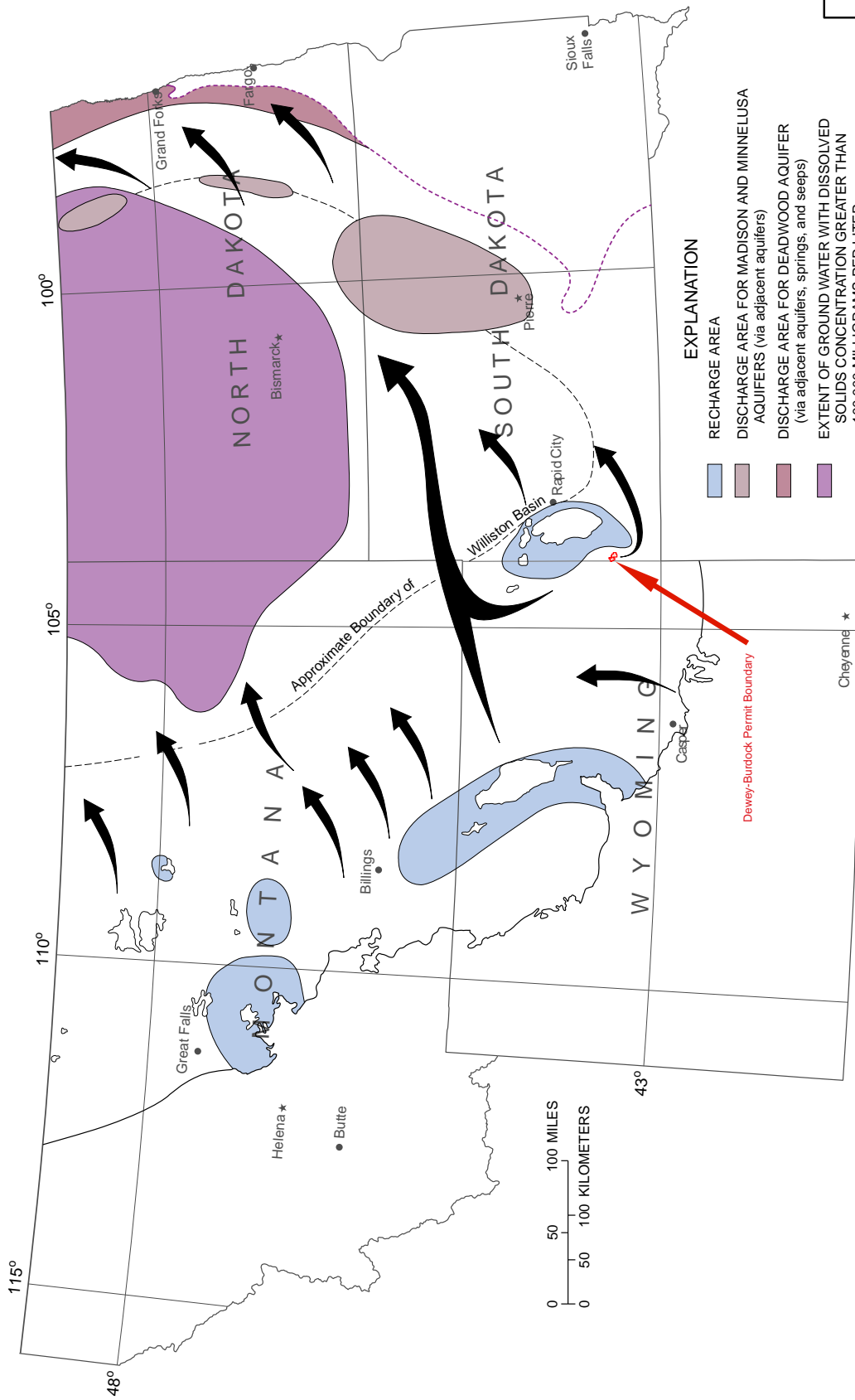
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**Figure D-2**  
Generalized East-West Geologic Cross Section  
through Black Hills Uplift (A-A')

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**EXPLANATION**

-  RECHARGE AREA
-  DISCHARGE AREA FOR MADISON AND MINNELUSA AQUIFERS (via adjacent aquifers)
-  DISCHARGE AREA FOR DEADWOOD AQUIFER (via adjacent aquifers, springs, and seeps)
-  EXTENT OF GROUND WATER WITH DISSOLVED SOLIDS CONCENTRATION GREATER THAN 100,000 MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
-  EASTERN LIMIT OF DEADWOOD AQUIFER--Dashed where approximately located
-  DIRECTION OF GROUND-WATER FLOW

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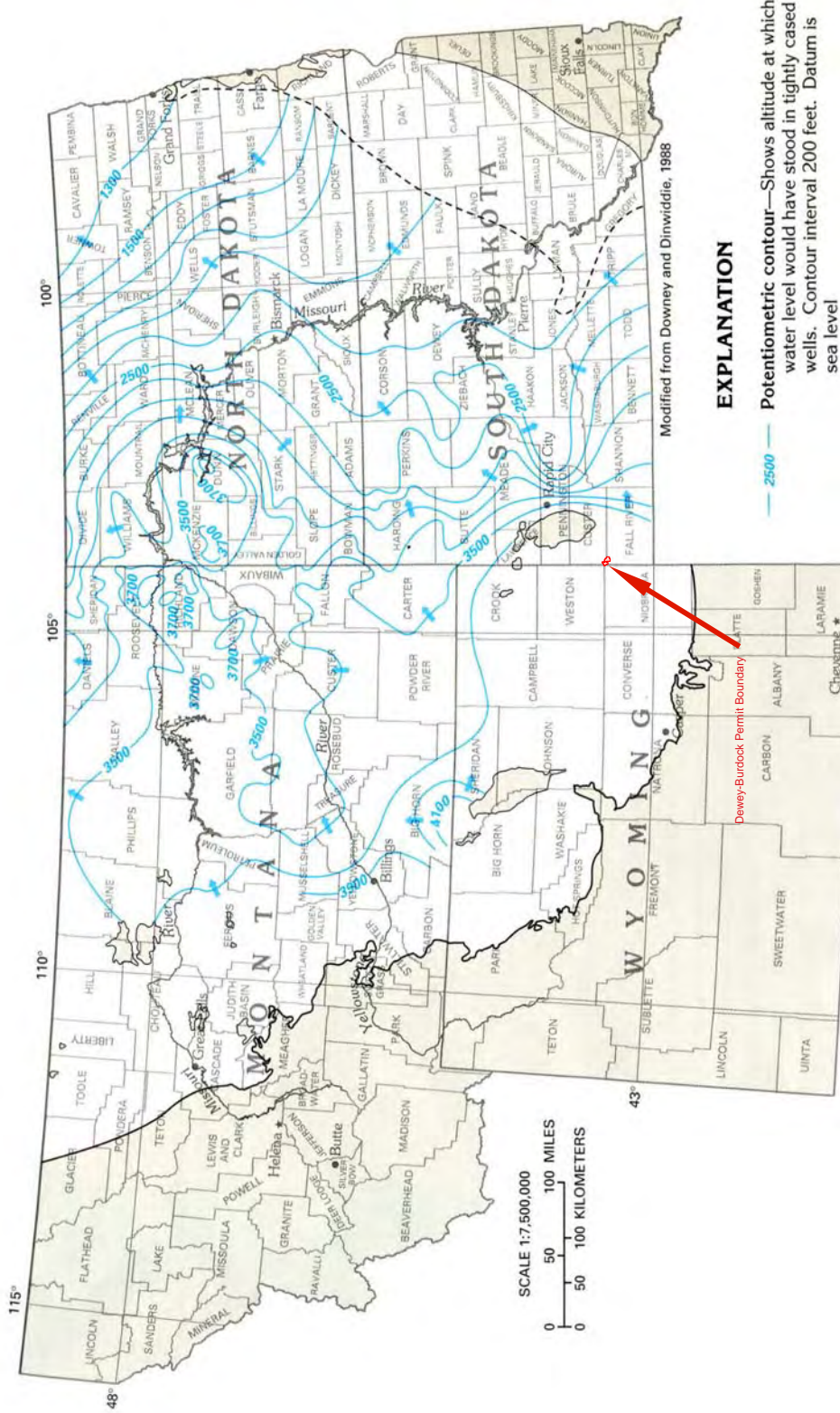
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**Figure D-3**  
General Direction of Groundwater Flow in Regional Aquifer System within Paleozoic Aquifer Units

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**EXPLANATION**

- 2500 Potentiometric contour—Shows altitude at which water level would have stood in tightly cased wells. Contour interval 200 feet. Datum is sea level
- Limit of lower Paleozoic aquifers—Dashed where approximately located
- Direction of ground-water movement

Base modified from U.S. Geological Survey digital data, 1:2,000,000, 1972

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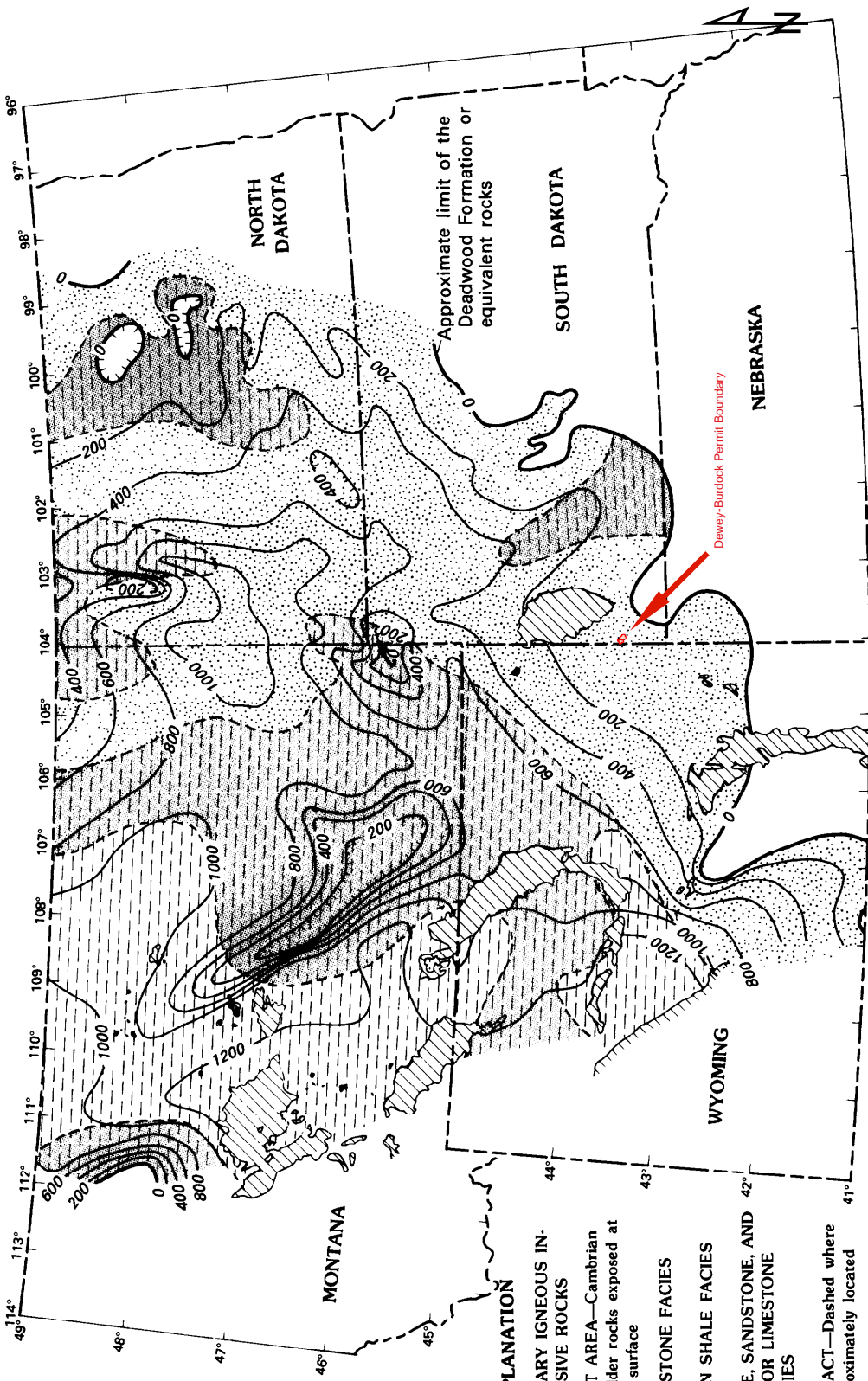


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





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Regional Groundwater Flow in Lower Paleozoic Aquifer System, Powder River and Williston Basins  
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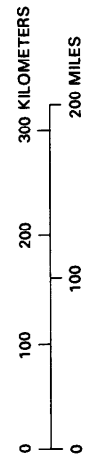
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**EXPLANATION**

-  TERTIARY IGNEOUS INTRUSIVE ROCKS
-  UPLIFT AREA—Cambrian or older rocks exposed at land surface
-  SANDSTONE FACIES
-  GREEN SHALE FACIES
-  SHALE, SANDSTONE, AND MINOR LIMESTONE FACIES
-  CONTACT—Dashed where approximately located
-  LINE OF EQUAL FORMATION THICKNESS—Interval 200 feet



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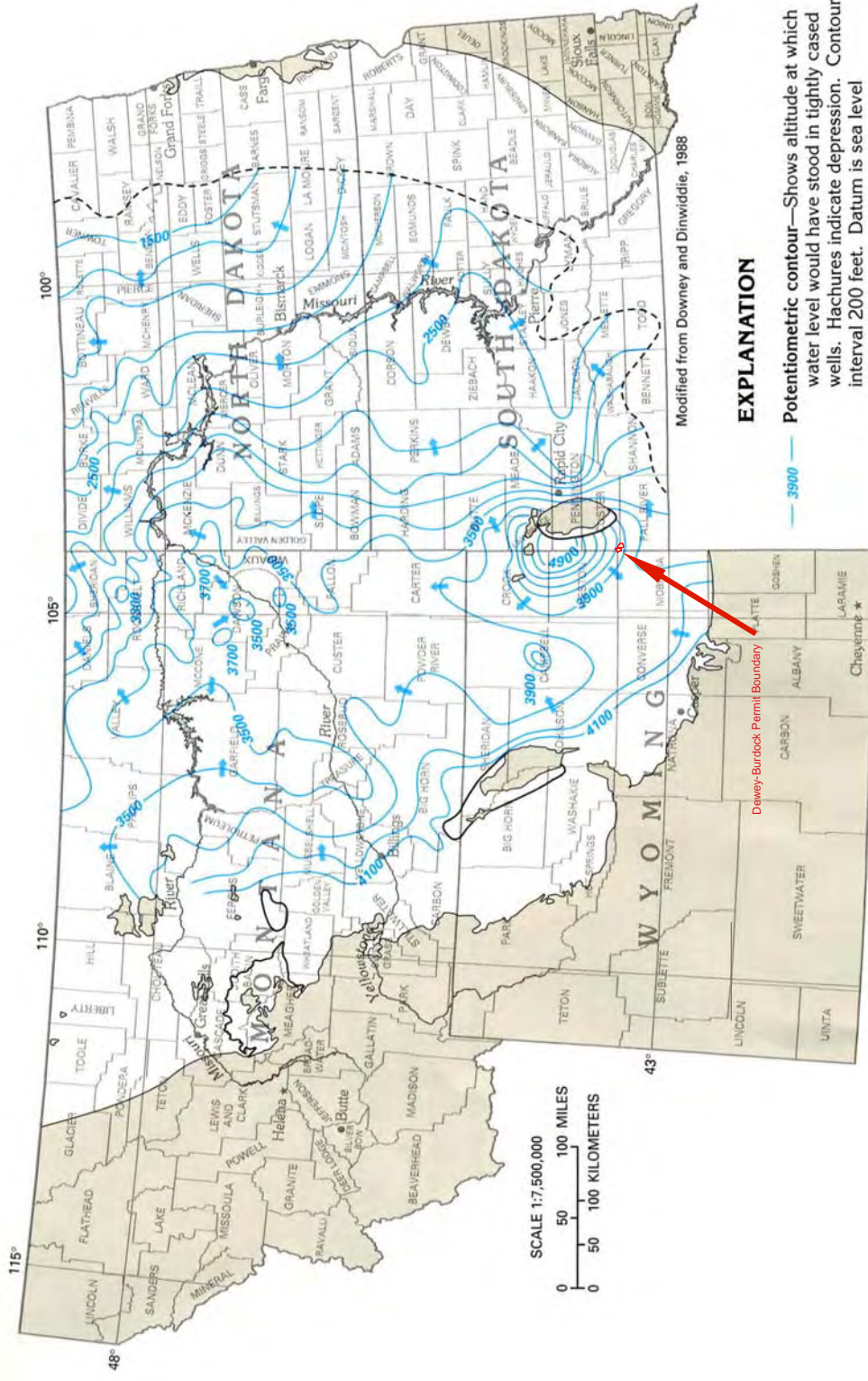
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Deadwood Formation  
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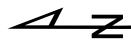


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**EXPLANATION**

— 3900 — Potentiometric contour—Shows altitude at which water level would be stood in tightly cased wells. Hachures indicate depression. Contour interval 200 feet. Datum is sea level

--- Limit of upper Paleozoic aquifers—Dashed where approximately located

→ Direction of ground-water movement

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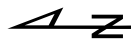
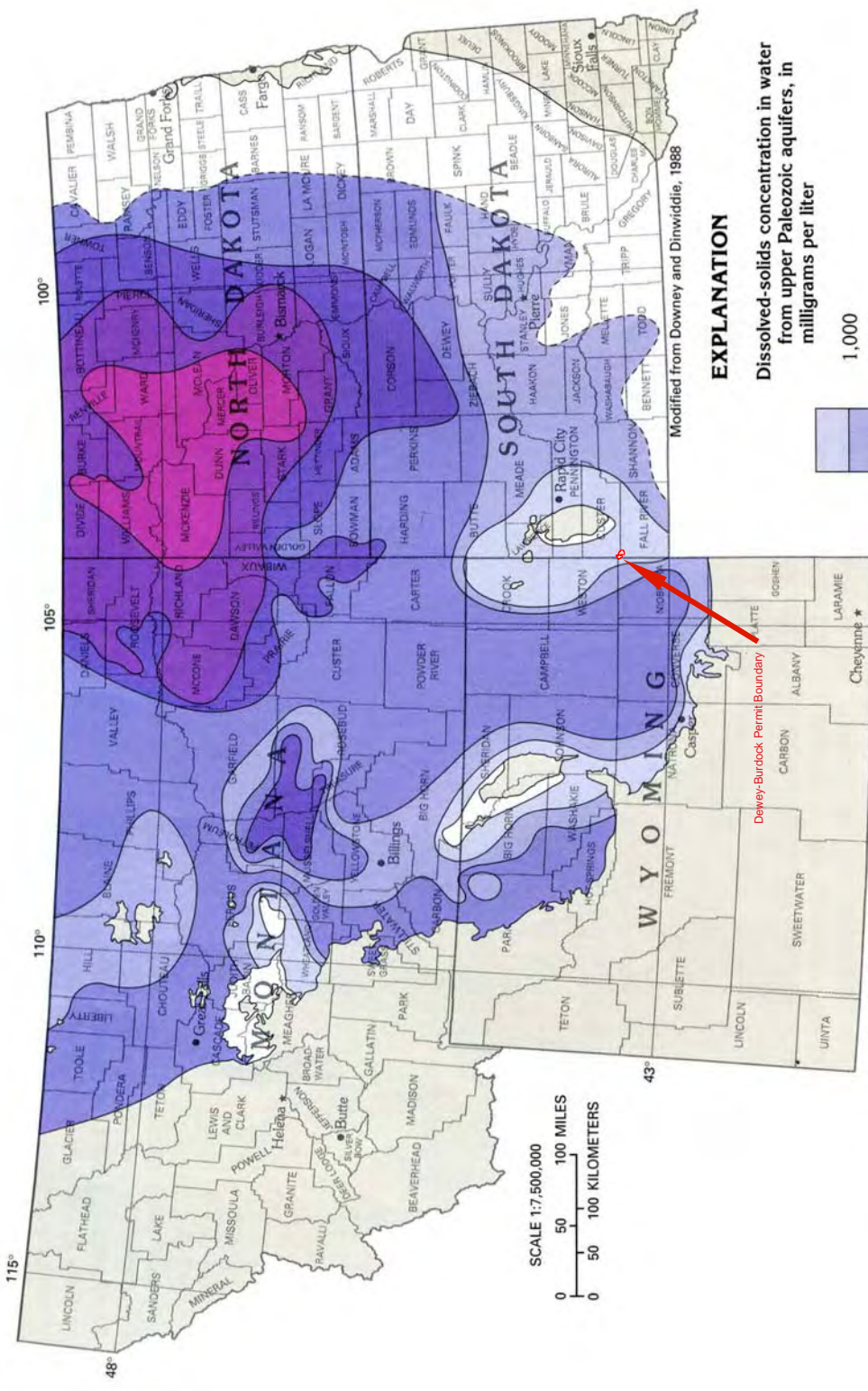
Figure D-6  
 Regional Groundwater Flow Pattern in Upper Paleozoic Aquifer System, Powder River and Williston Basins

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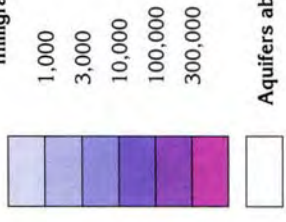
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**EXPLANATION**  
 Dissolved solids concentration in water  
 from upper Paleozoic aquifers, in  
 milligrams per liter



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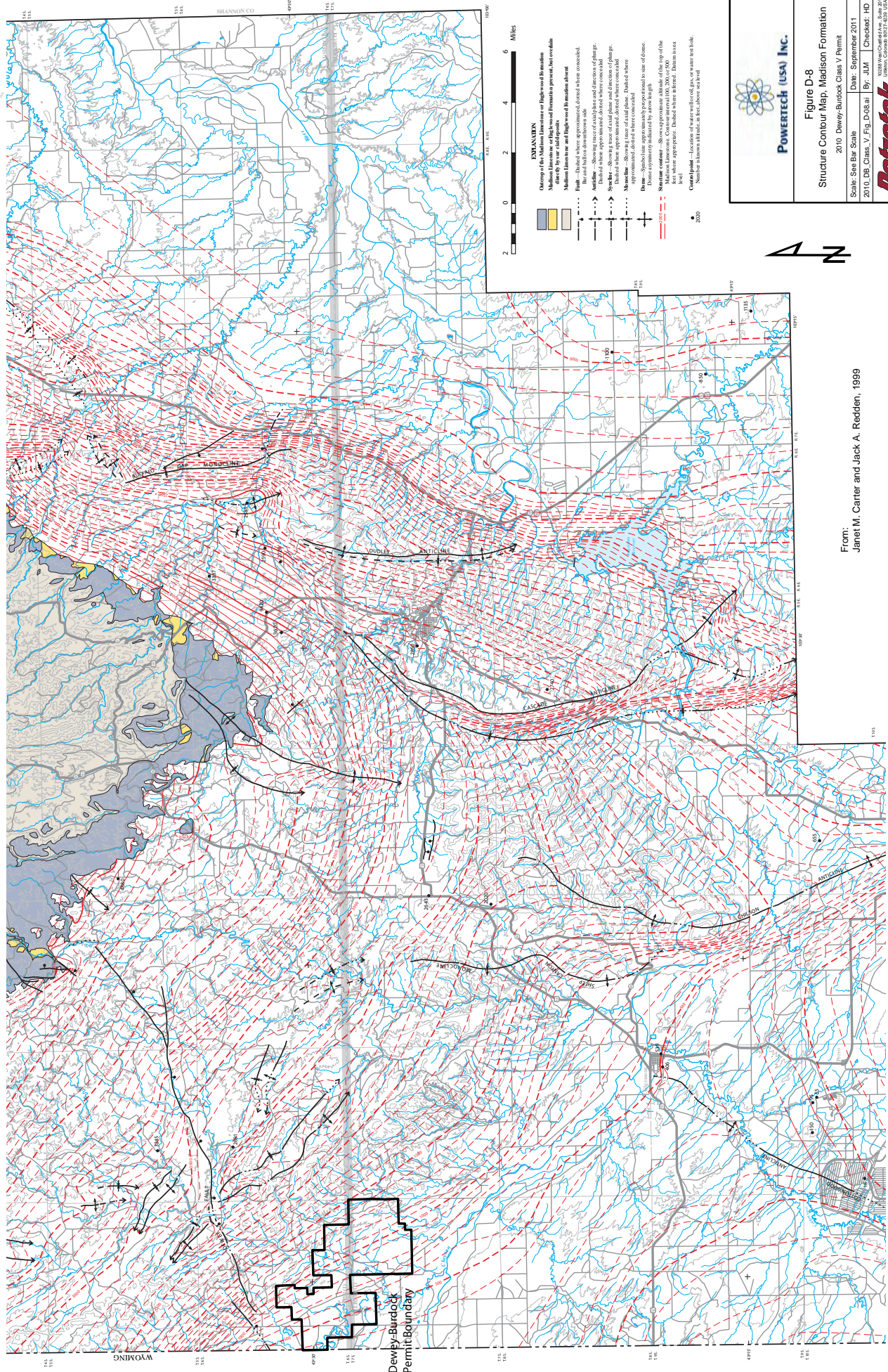
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**Figure D-7**  
 Dissolved Solids Concentrations in Upper Paleozoic  
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**Figure D-8**  
**Structure Contour Map, Madison Formation**  
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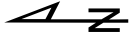
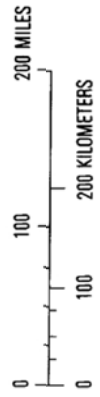
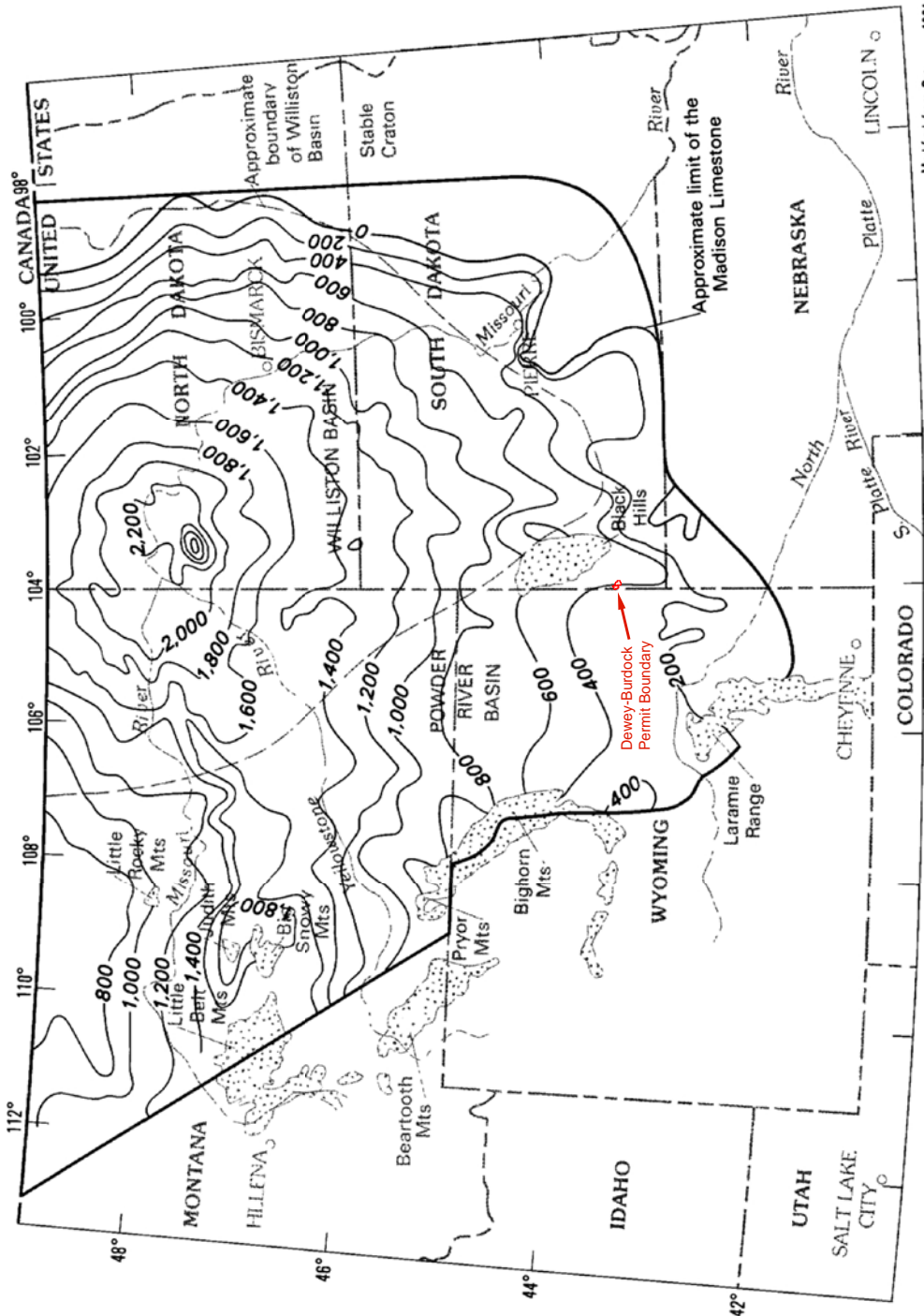
**EXPLANATION**



**MISSISSIPPIAN OR OLDER ROCKS**—Exposed at land surface  
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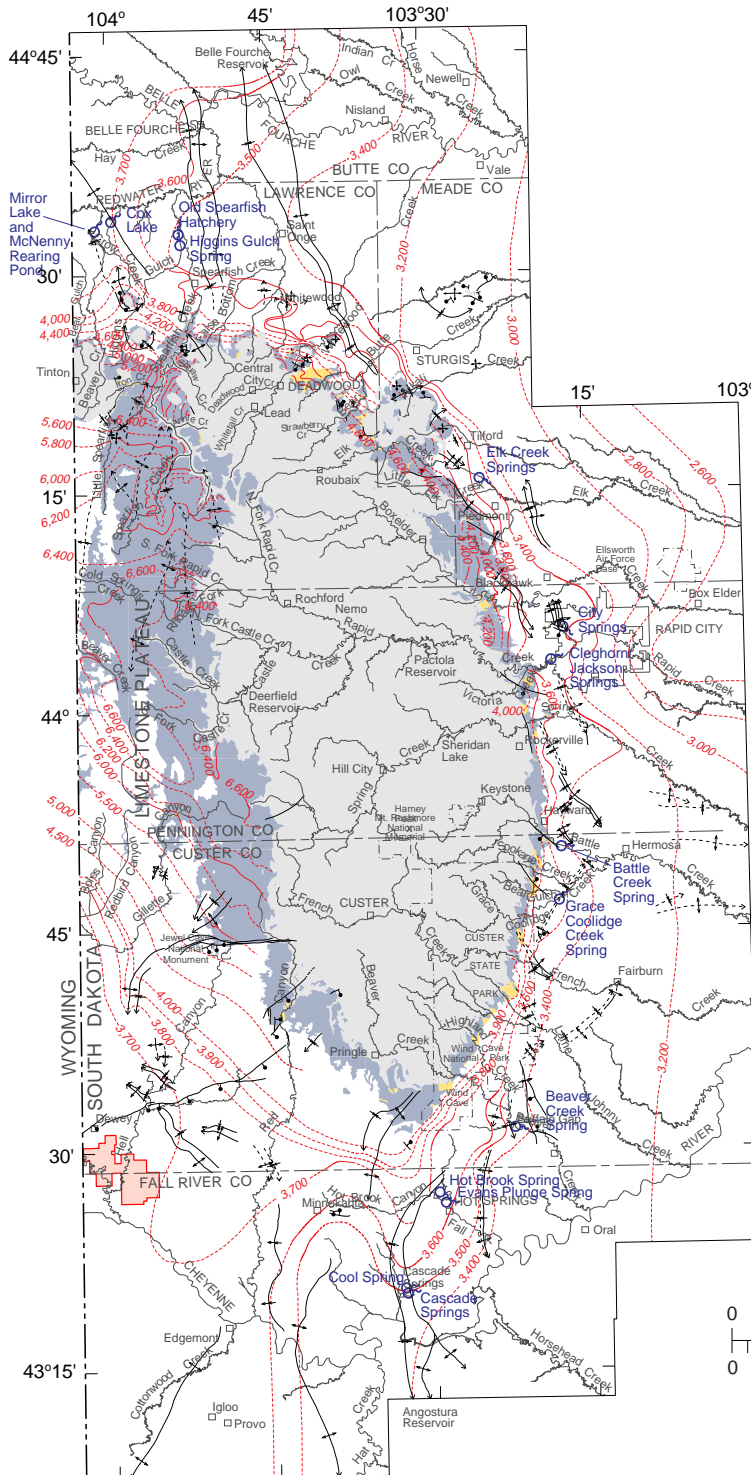
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<b>Figure D-9</b> Isopach Map, Madison Formation	
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- OUTCROP OF MADISON LIMESTONE (from Strobel and others, 1999)
  - MADISON LIMESTONE PRESENT, BUT OVERLAIN BY SURFICIAL DEPOSITS (from Carter and Redden, 1999d)
  - MADISON LIMESTONE ABSENT (from Carter and Redden, 1999d)
  - - - - - 3,000 POTENTIOMETRIC CONTOUR-- Shows altitude at which water would have stood in tightly cased, nonpumping wells (modified from Strobel and others, 2000a). Contour interval 100, 200, or 500 feet, where appropriate. Dashed where inferred. Datum is sea level
  - - - - - FAULT--Dashed where approximated. Bar and ball on downthrown side
  - - - - - ANTICLINE--Showing trace of axial plane and direction of plunge. Dashed where approximated
  - - - - - SYNCLINE--Showing trace of axial plane and direction of plunge. Dashed where approximated
  - - - - - MONOCLINE--Showing trace of axial plane. Dashed where approximated
  - + DOME--Symbol size approximately proportional to size of dome. Dome asymmetry indicated by arrow length
  - o ARTESIAN SPRING

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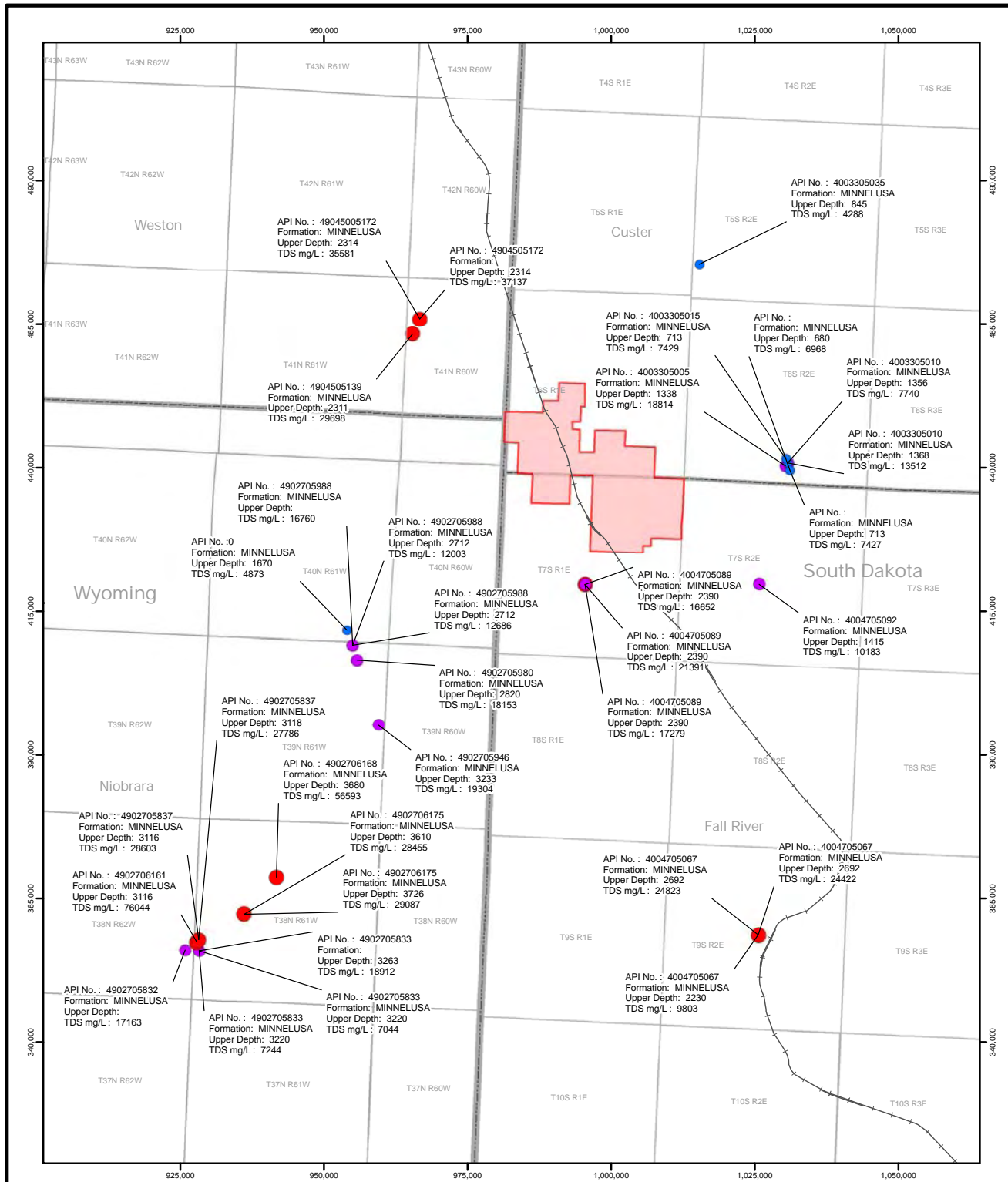
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Figure D-10  
 Potentiometric Surface of the Madison Formation  
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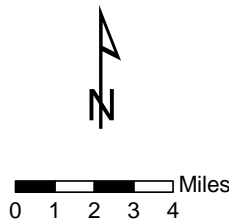
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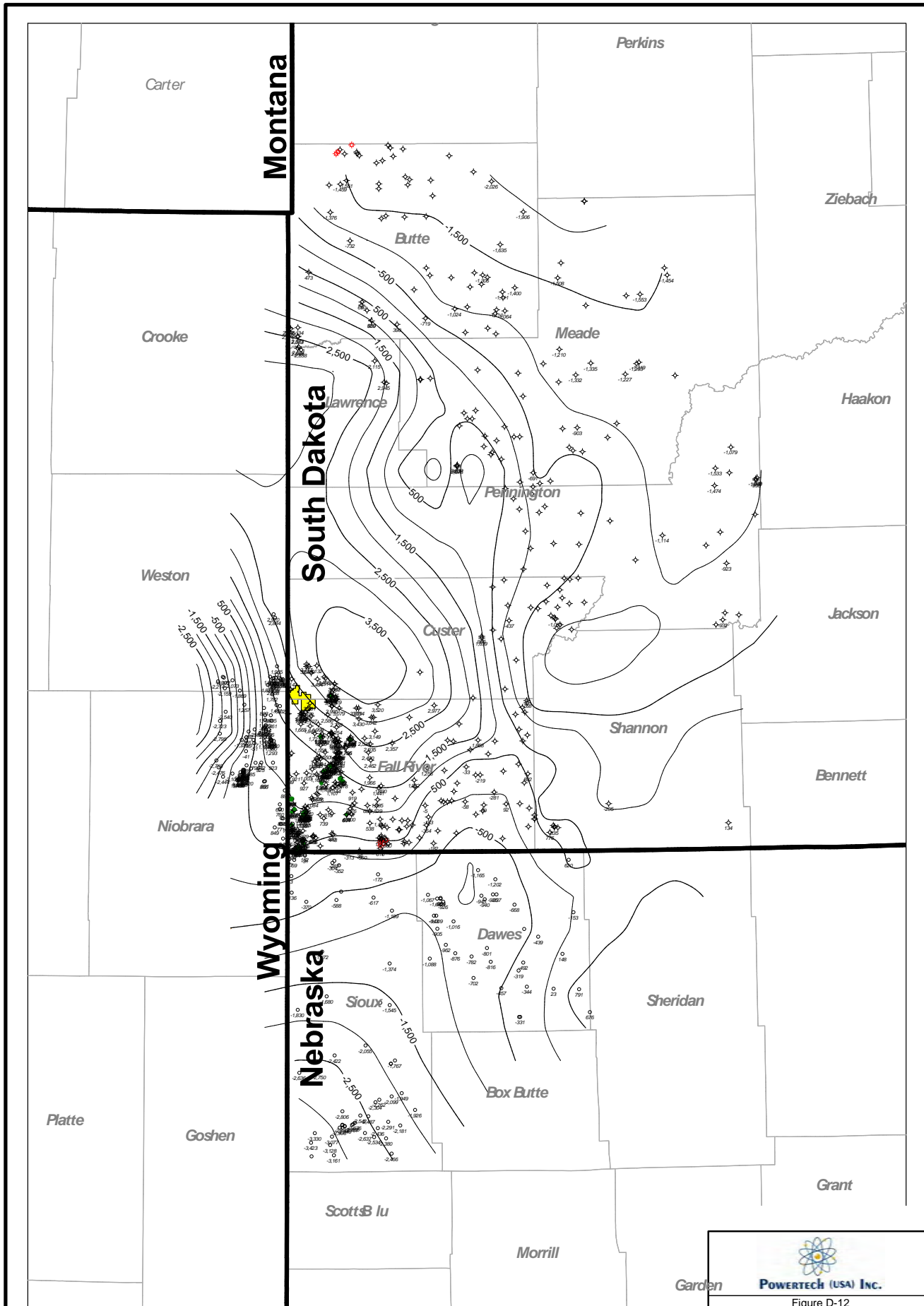
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Dewey-Burdock Project Area  
TDS Concentrations, Minnelusa Formation

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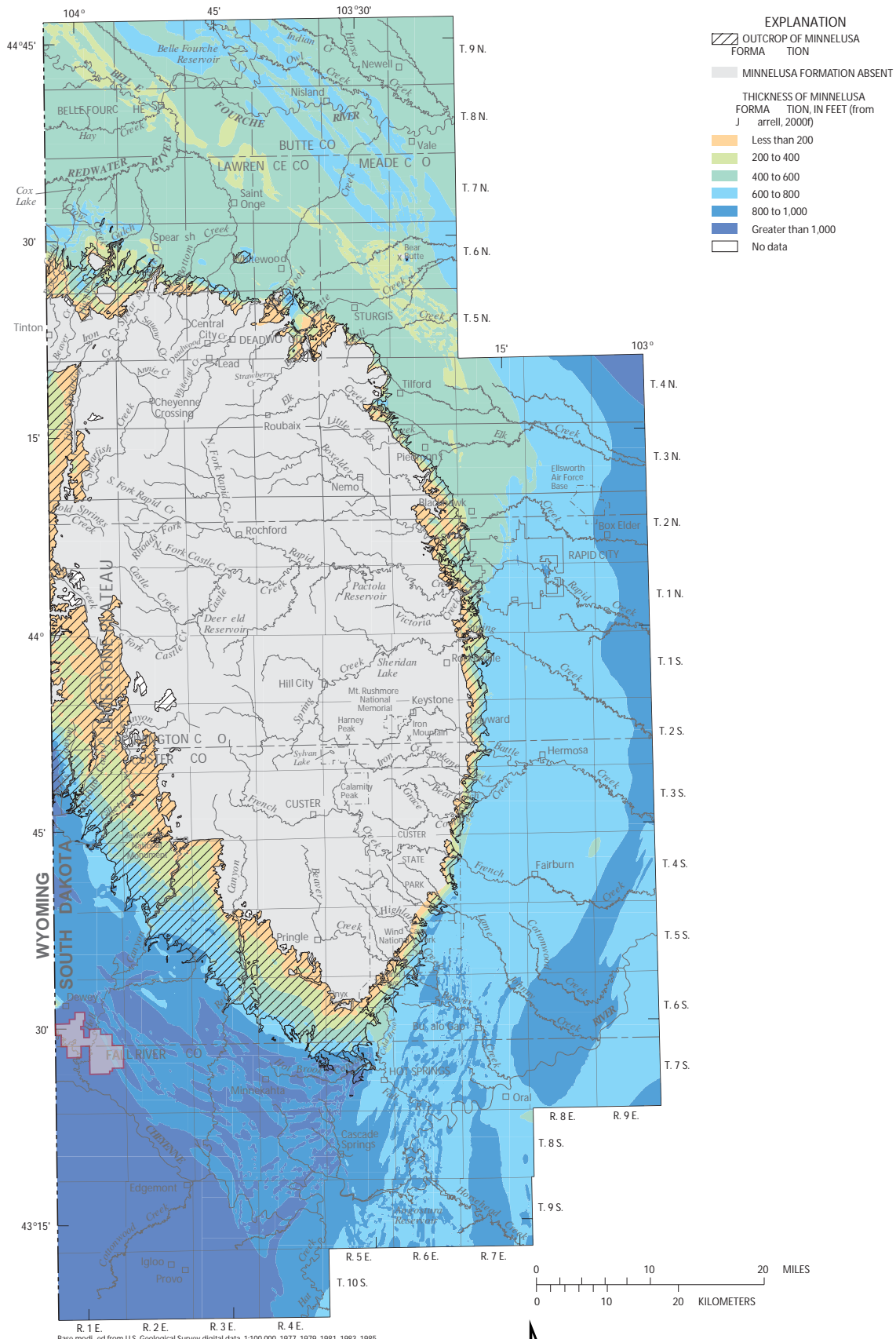


  
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 Figure D-12  
 Regional Structure Contour Map  
 Top of Minnelusa  
 2010 Dewey-Burdock Class V Permit

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**WELL SYMBOLS**  
 ✕ Dry Hole  
 ✕ Gas Well  
 ● Oil Well

  
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**Figure D-13**  
 Isopach Map of the Minnelusa Formation

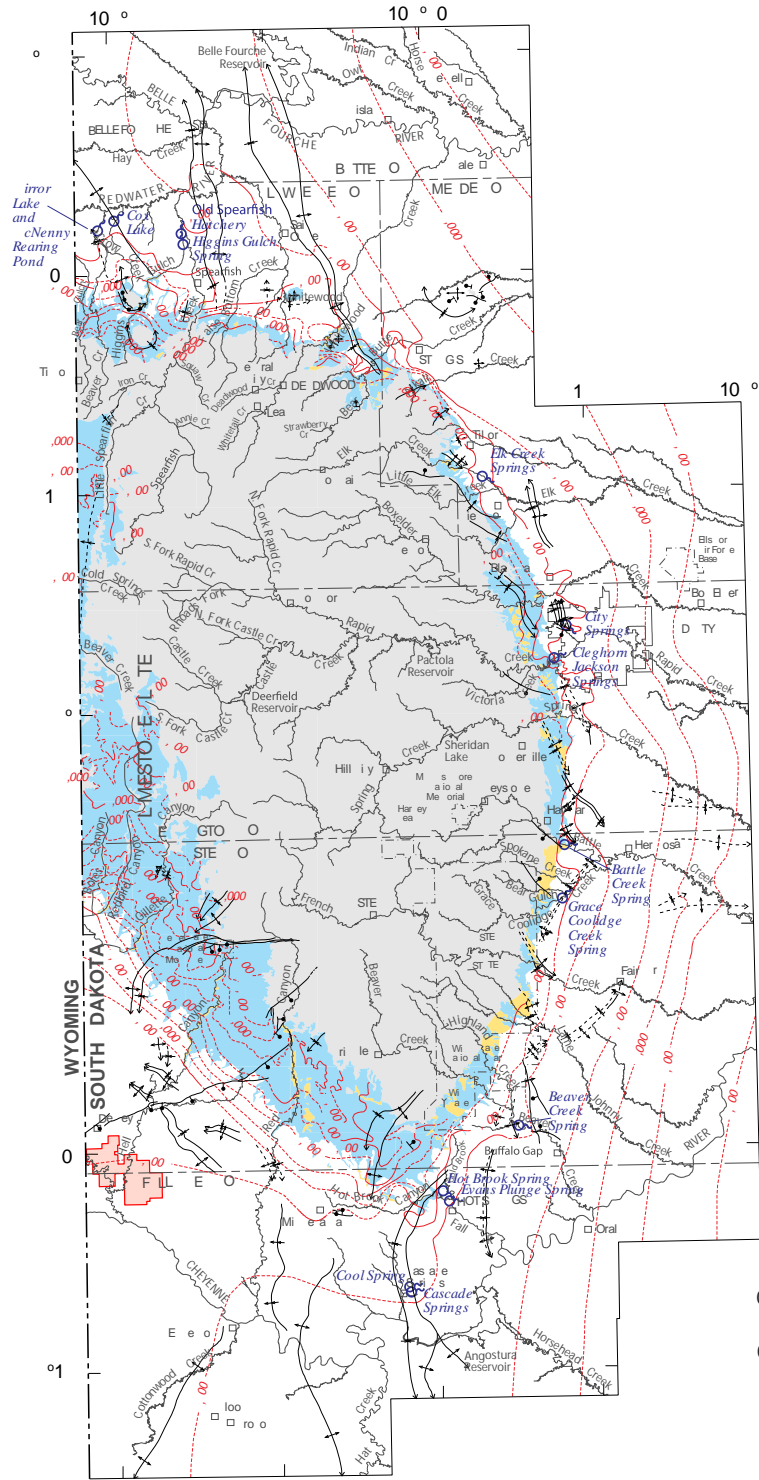
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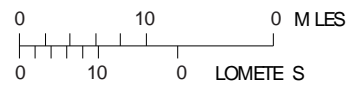
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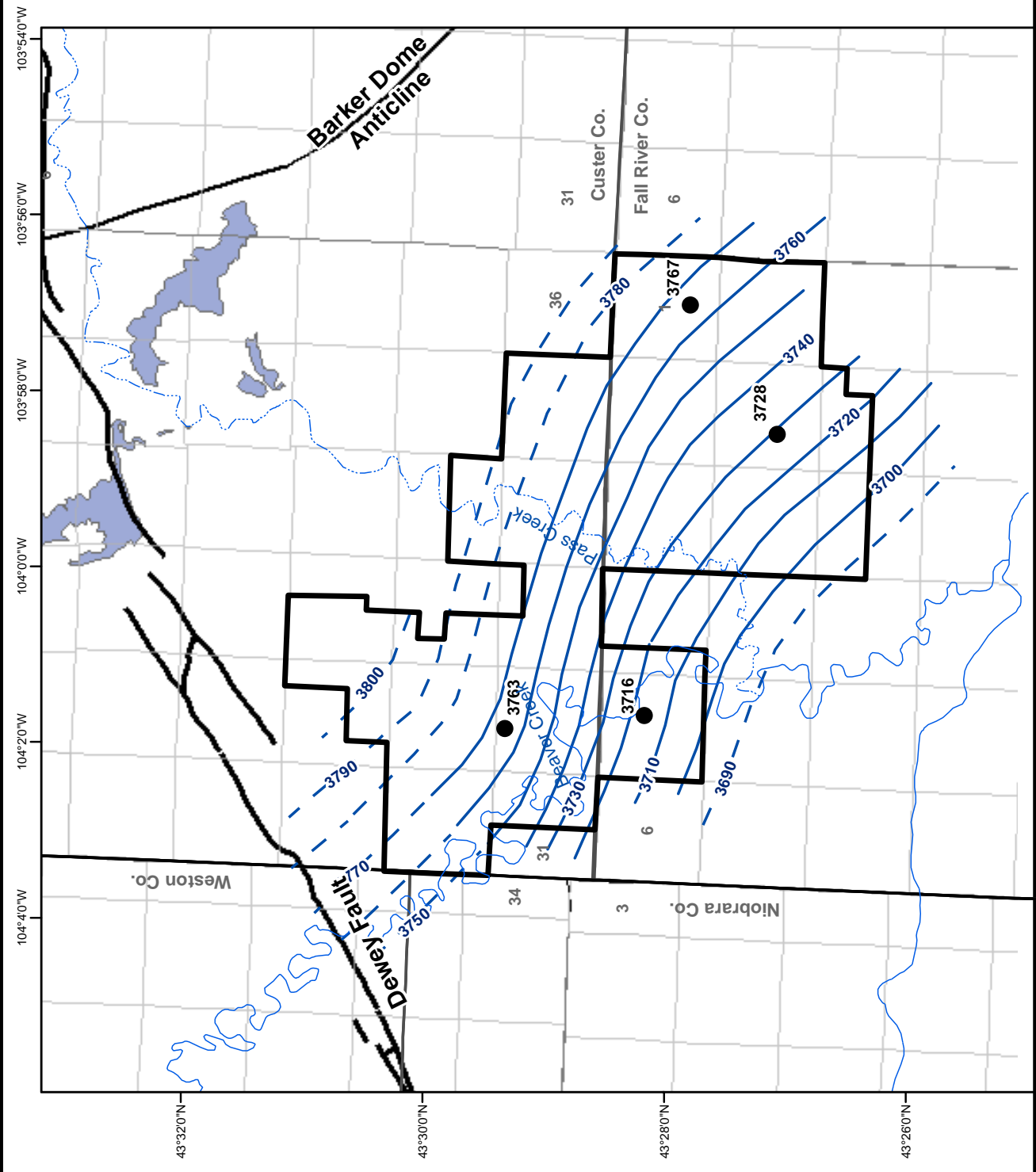
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Potentiometric Surface of the Minnelusa Formation  
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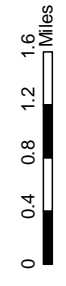
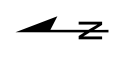


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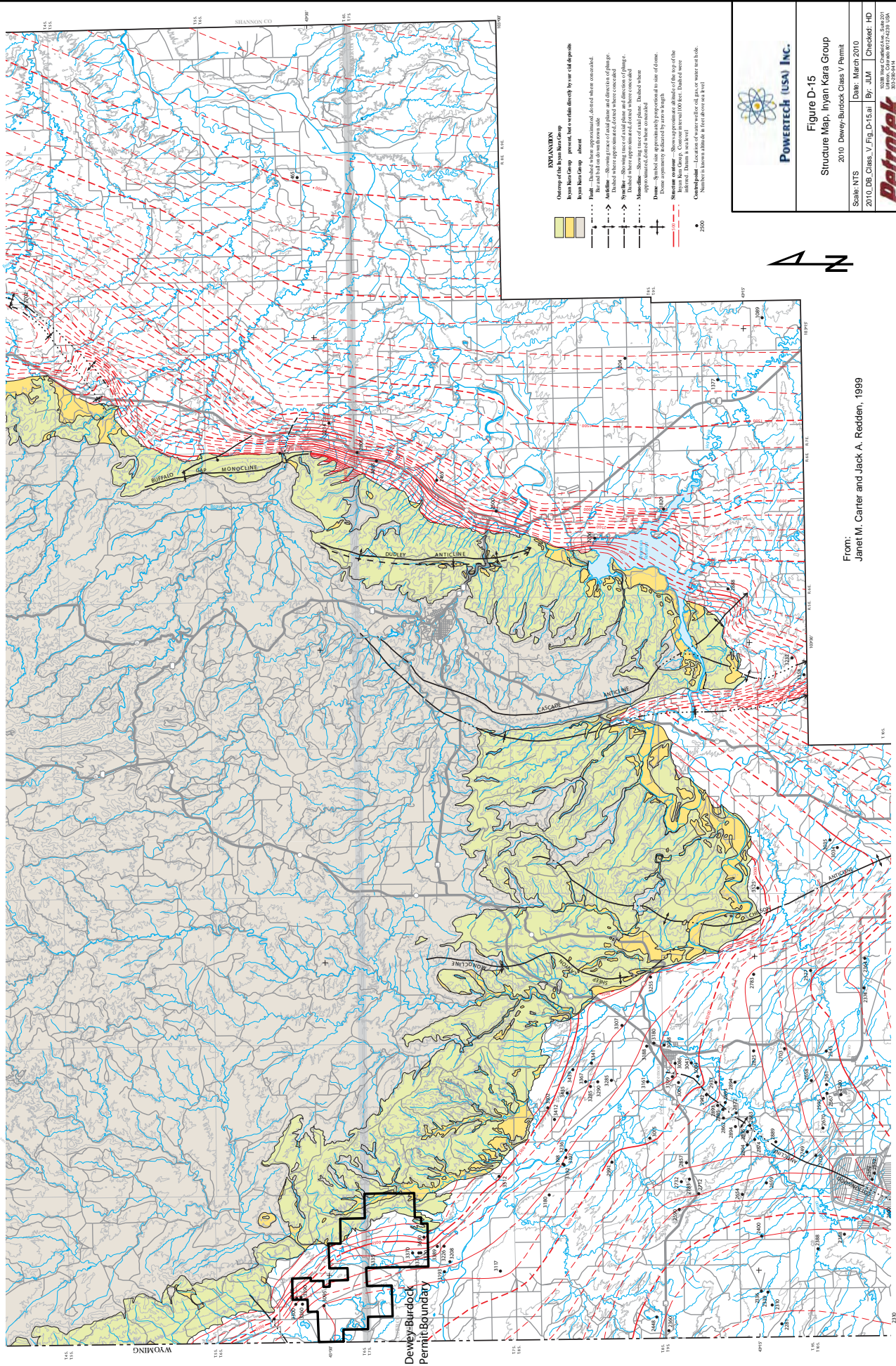
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NAD 1983 South Dakota South (ft)

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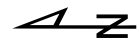


**DEW-BURDOCK**  
 Outcrop of the Inyan Kara Group  
 Inyan Kara Group present, but not directly by our old deposits  
 Inyan Kara Group absent  
 Fault - Dashed where approximated, dotted where concealed.  
 Thrust fault on its north side  
 Anticline - Showing trace of axial plane and direction of plunging.  
 Dashed where approximated, dotted where concealed.  
 Thrust where approximated, dotted where concealed.  
 Monocline - Dashed where approximated, dotted where concealed.  
 Dike - Shaded area approximately proportioned to size of dike.  
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 Contour interval - 2500 feet where not shown.  
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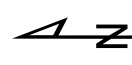
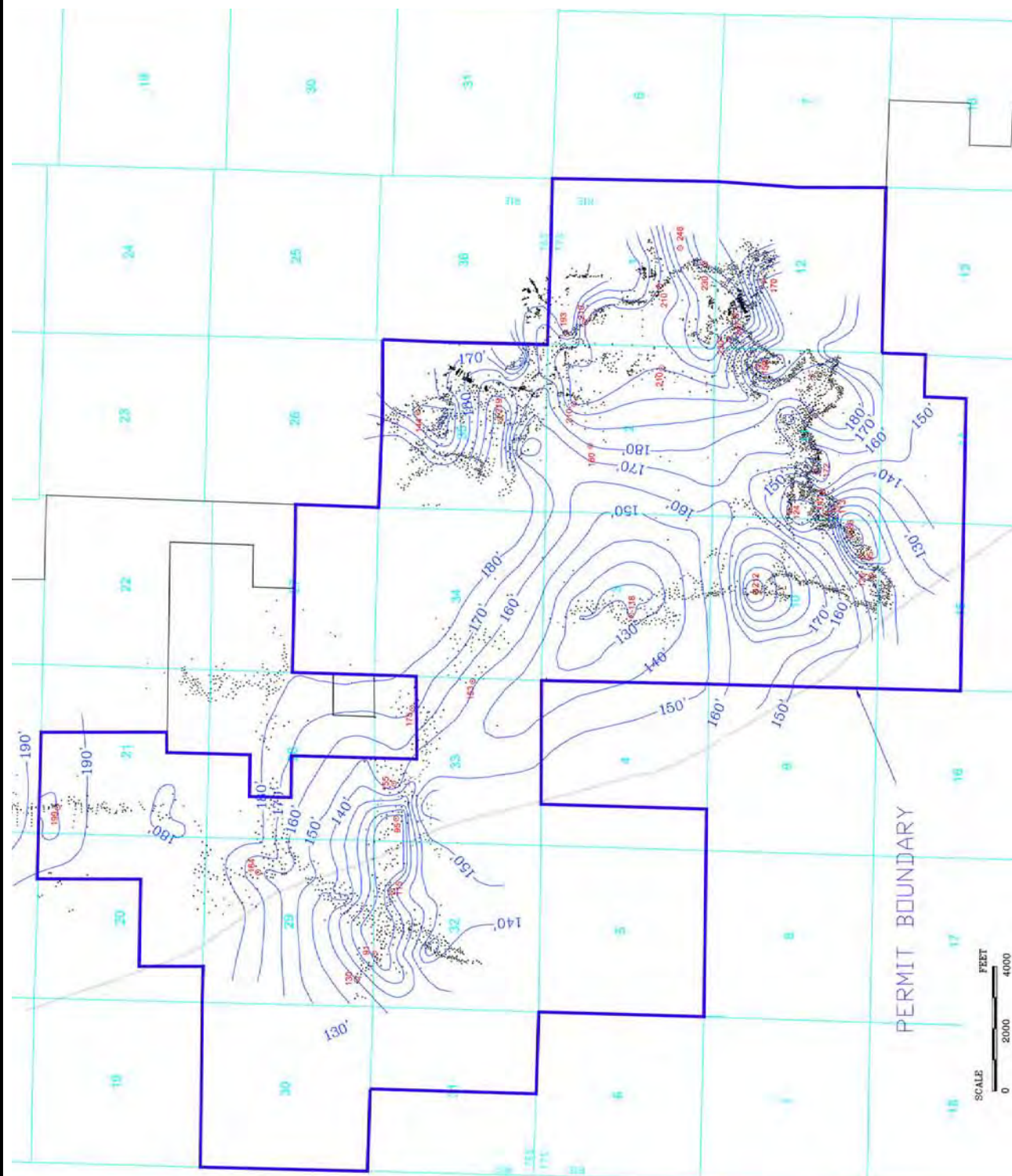
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**Figure D-15**  
 Structure Map, Inyan Kara Group  
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Isopach Map, Fusion Member  
of Lakota Formation (Inyan Kara Group)

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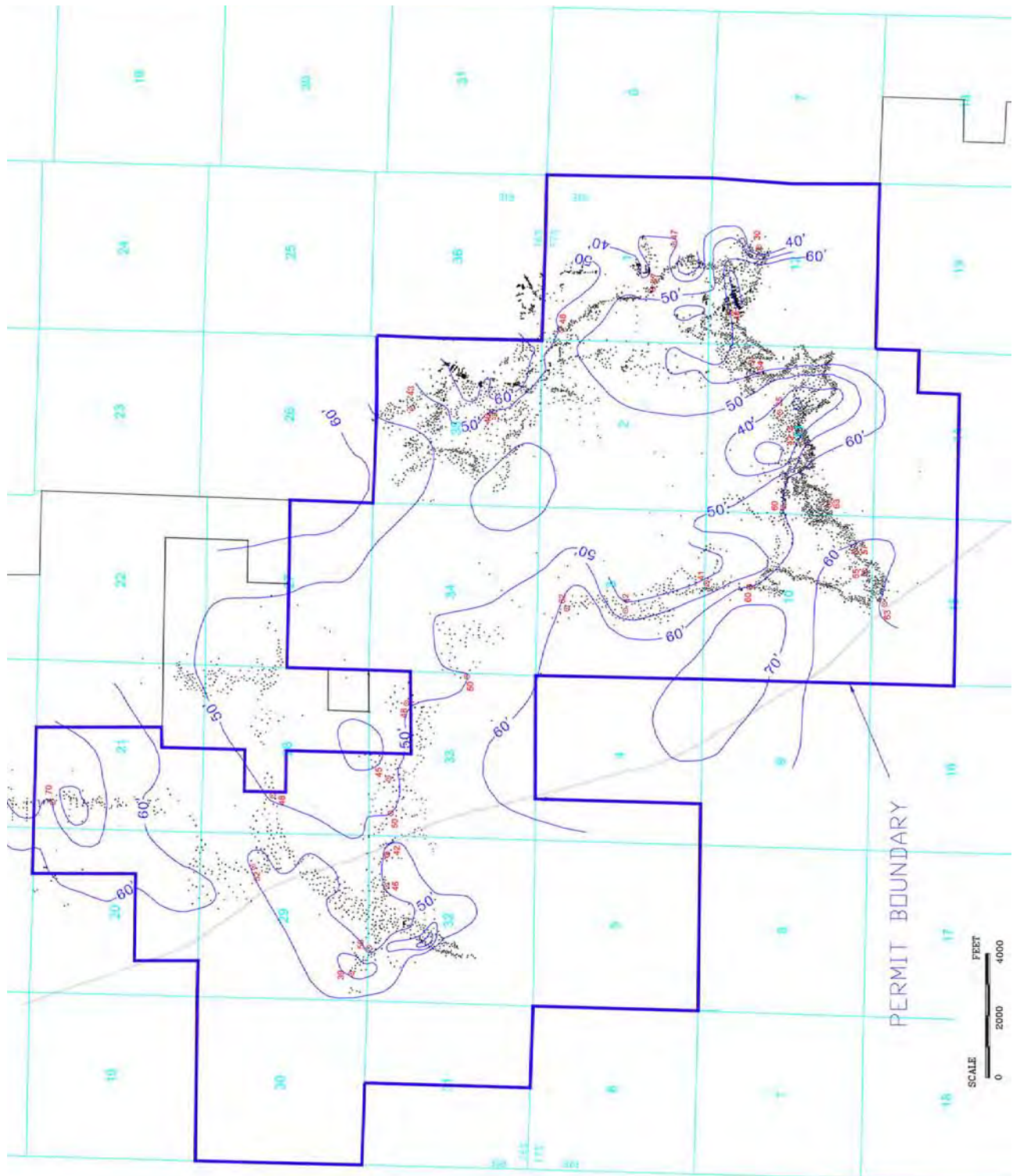
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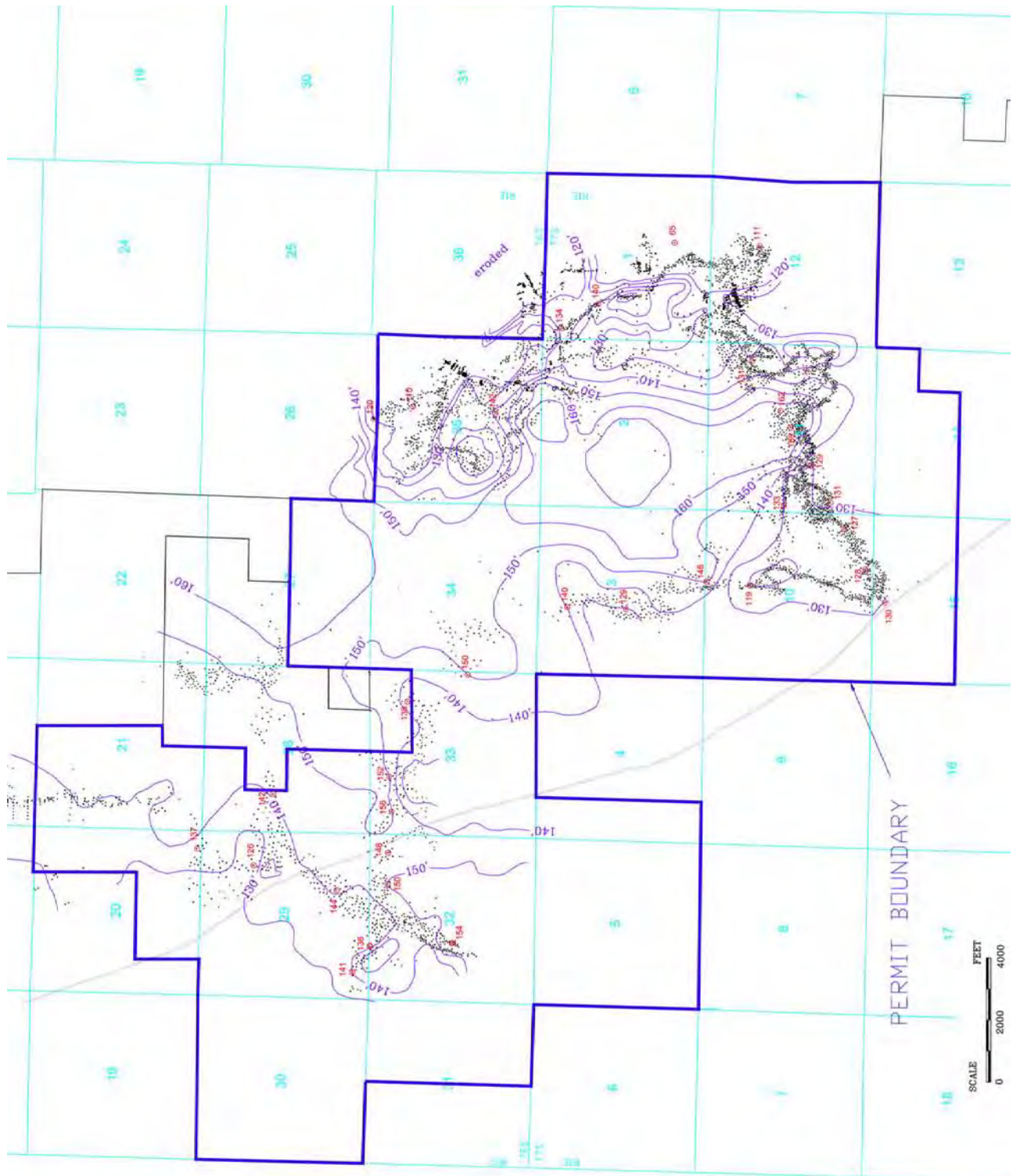


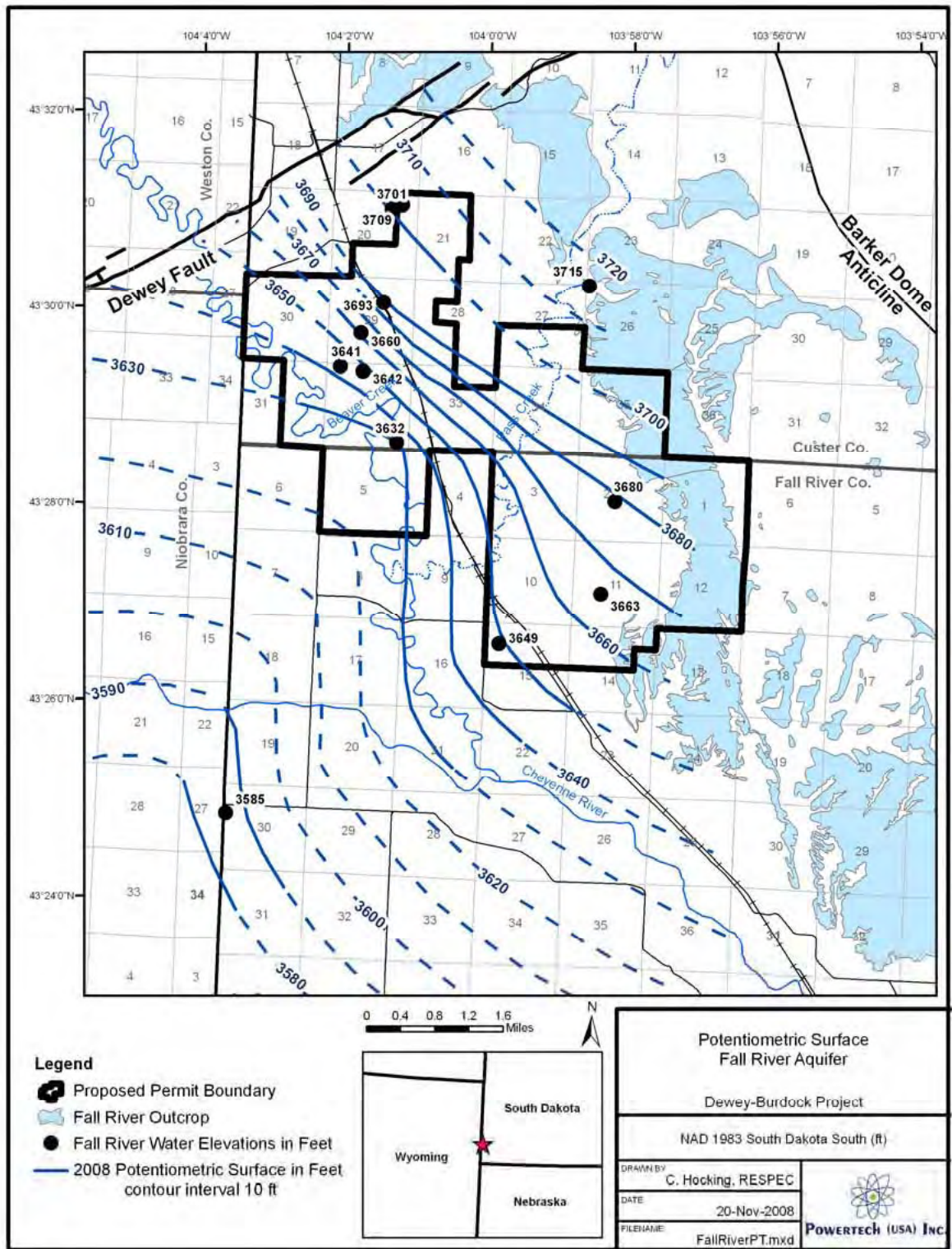
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Figure D-18  
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(Inyan Kara Group)  
2010 Dewey-Burdick Class V Permit

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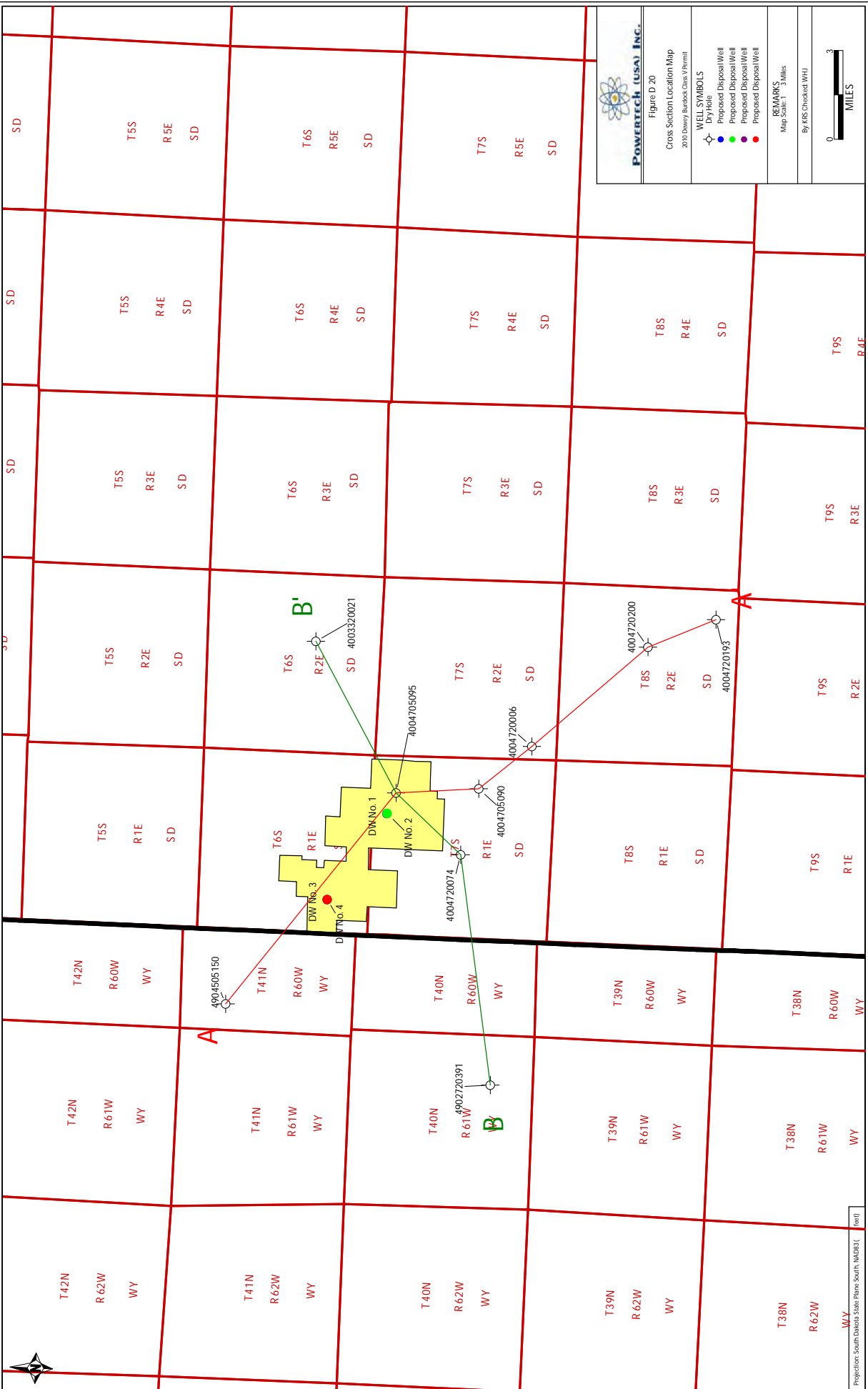




Note: Potentiometric surface based on average water level values at the project site. Contours are dashed where approximate.

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Figure D 20  
 Cross Section Location Map  
 2010 Downey Barbed-Cow V Permit

**WELL SYMBOLS**

- DW Hole
- Proposed Disposal Well
- Proposed Disposal Well
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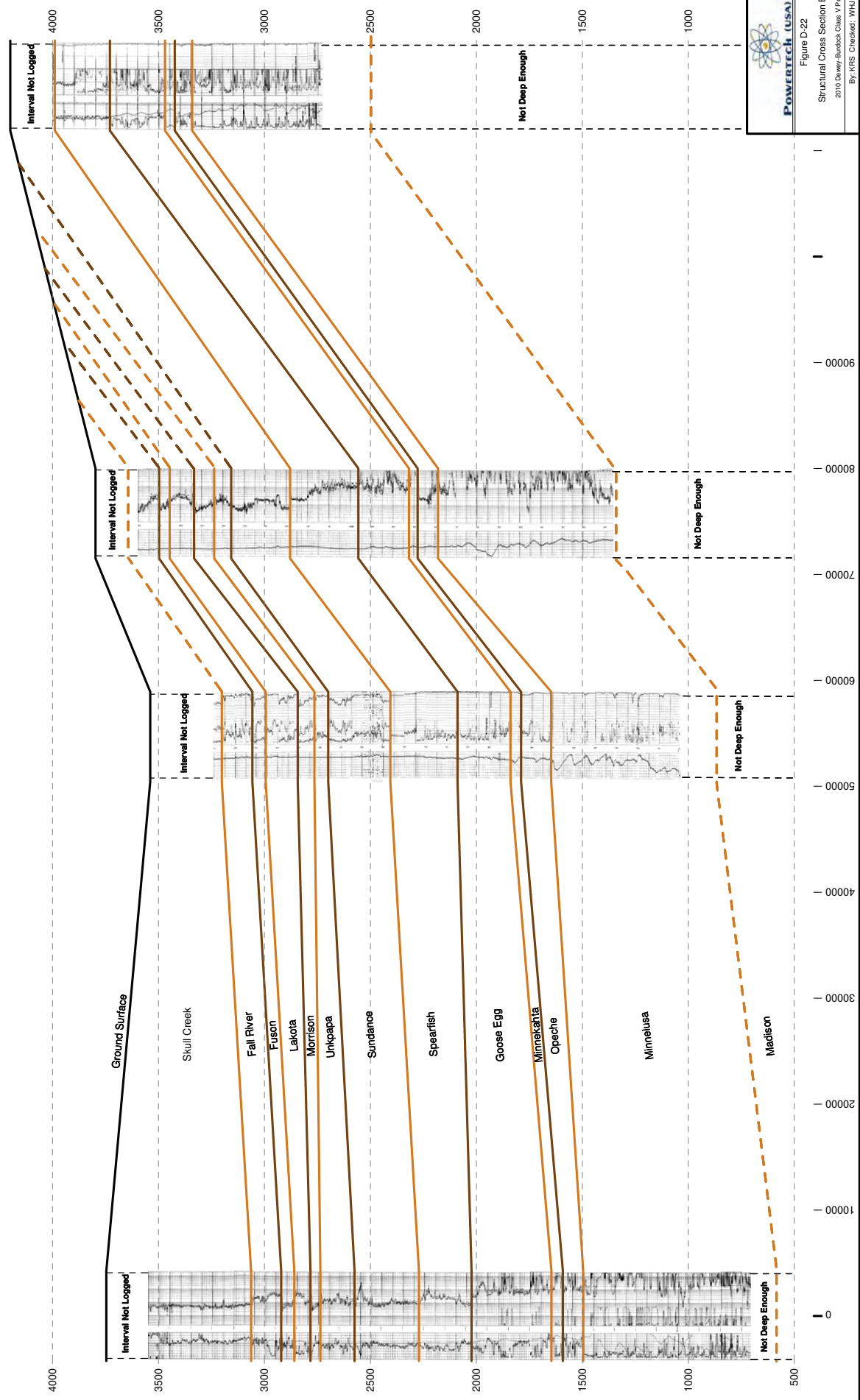
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Approximate Location of Dewey Burdock Permit Boundary



**2.E NAME AND DEPTH OF USDWs**

For Class II Wells (Not Applicable to this Application)

## **2.F MAPS AND CROSS SECTIONS OF GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE**

*Submit maps and cross sections detailing the geologic structure of the local area (including the lithology of injection and confining intervals) and generalized maps and cross sections illustrating the regional geologic setting.*

### **RESPONSE**

#### **Regional Setting**

The Dewey-Burdock Project area is located on the southwestern flanks of the Black Hills Uplift. As shown on Figure F-1, the Black Hills are within the Great Plains physiographic province. A generalized geologic cross-section through the Black Hills is included as Figure D-2.

The Black Hills area of South Dakota and Wyoming is the principal recharge area for the regional bedrock aquifer systems and strongly influences the hydrology of western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming. Because of its higher elevation, the Black Hills area receives greater precipitation than the surrounding areas. The average annual precipitation increases from 16 to 17 inches in the Dewey-Burdock area to greater than 28 inches in the northern Black Hills near the town of Lead. Many streams in western South Dakota originate in the Black Hills.

#### **Geologic Setting**

The present-day structural features of the Northern Great Plains are directly related to the geologic history of the Cordilleran platform, which is a part of the stable interior of the North American Continent. The present-day structure probably was controlled by the pre-existing structural grain in the Precambrian basement and modified during the Laramide orogeny (Downey, 1984).

During Paleozoic time, the area generally was a broad, flat plain, covered by shallow warm seas. Numerous disconformities during Paleozoic time indicate intermittent transgressions and regressions when seas advanced from west to east in response to tectonic activity. Deposits generally were beach, shallow marine, carbonate, and evaporite units (Redden and Lisenbee, 1996).

During Cretaceous time, the area was covered by a north-south trending sea, which extended from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic Ocean (Downey, 1986). During Late Cretaceous time, this sea was at its widest extent; marine deposition, however, was interrupted by frequent east-west regressions (Anna, 1986).

The Northern Great Plains area was part of the Cordilleran platform through most of Paleozoic time. The Williston Basin, which covers parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, southern Saskatchewan, southwestern Manitoba, and eastern Montana, began to take shape during Ordovician time. Other major Jurassic and Cretaceous (pre-Laramide) paleostructural elements include the Powder River Basin, the Central Montana trough and uplift, the Cedar Creek anticline, and the Alberta shelf (Anna, 1986) (Figure F-1).

The Laramide orogeny, which affected the eastern Rocky Mountains, began during Late Cretaceous time and continued in the Eocene period (Redden and Lisenbee, 1996). The Laramide orogeny was characterized by large-scale warping, deep erosion of uplifts and deposition of orogenic sediments in the major basins (Tweto, 1975). Most, if not all, pre-Laramide structural features were reactivated and became more prominent during the Laramide orogeny (Anna, 1986). During the Laramide orogeny, the Bighorn and Laramie Mountains, the Black Hills, and the Central

Montana uplifts formed, and the Williston and Powder River Basins were downwarped into essentially their present configuration (Anna, 1986).

The Black Hills Uplift forms a northwest trending dome about 125 miles long by 60 miles wide. The formation of the uplift deformed the entire sedimentary sequence from Cambrian to late Cretaceous. Subsequent erosion of the dome has exposed the rock units which dip radially outward in successive elliptical outcrops surrounding the central Precambrian granitic core. Differential weathering has further resulted in the present day topography of concentric ellipsoids of valleys under softer rocks and ridges held up by more competent units (R.B. Smith & Assoc., Inc., 2005).

Superimposed on the Black Hills Uplift are numerous folds plunging radially outward. Local structures of this type include the Chilson Anticline and Sheep Canyon Monocline east of the community of Edgemont, and the Cottonwood Creek Anticline trending southwest from the community of Edgemont (Figures D-8 and D-15).

Two major structural zones, Dewey and Long Mountain, are conspicuous within the project area and consist principally of a series of en echelon faults. The Barker Dome Anticline, which forms a productive oil field in the Minnelusa, is located approximately 3 miles to the northeast of the Project (Figure D-19).

As noted, the uranium mineralization within the Dewey-Burdock deposit occurs in the Lower Cretaceous Fall River and Lakota Formations as a classic roll front deposit.

### **Topography and Elevation**

In the southern and western portion of the Dewey-Burdock Project area, the terrain is undulating to moderately incised. The eastern and northern portions of the project area, being further into the uplift, are cut by narrow canyons. Only four or five significant drainages likely exist within the project area (R.B. Smith & Assoc., Inc., 2005).

The change in elevation across the project area is approximately 200 feet. The lower elevation of 3,600 feet above mean sea level (amsl) occurs on the south and west sides of the project area; the highest elevation of approximately 3,800 feet amsl is in the northeast portion.

### **Stratigraphy**

The geologic section in the southwestern portion of South Dakota is shown in Table F-1 and described in the following sections from oldest to youngest rocks. Note that rocks deposited after the Skull Creek Shale are not generally present in the Dewey-Burdock Project area. Specific details regarding the geologic column are provided here from deepest (oldest) to surface.

#### Precambrian

Precambrian rocks form the basement in the northern Great Plains and are exposed in the central core of many of the mountain ranges including the Black Hills Uplift, but lie greater than 15,000 feet below land surface at the center of the Williston Basin to the north of the Black Hills.

The oldest stratigraphic units in the Dewey-Burdock project area are Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rocks, composed primarily of metasediments, including schists and graywackes. The Precambrian rock surface was eroded to a gentle undulating plain at the beginning of the Paleozoic Era and the overlying Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata were deposited on the Precambrian surface as nearly horizontal beds. Subsequent uplift during the Laramide orogeny and erosion have

exposed the Precambrian rocks in the central core of the Black Hills, with the Paleozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks, as noted, exposed in roughly concentric rings around the uplifted Precambrian core (Driscoll et al., 2002). The Precambrian basement forms the lower confinement below the Deadwood Formation.

#### Deadwood Formation (Cambrian)

The Cambrian-age Deadwood Formation consists of massive to thinly-bedded, brown to light-gray sandstone; greenish glauconitic shale; flaggy dolomite; and flat-pebble limestone conglomerate. Sandstone with conglomerate occurs locally at the base of the formation. Regionally, the Deadwood ranges in thickness from 0 to 500 feet (Carter et al., 2003). Locally the Deadwood is estimated to be approximately 100' thick (Figure A-4) and has approximately 85' of 11% porosity. Limited data are available, and no wells penetrate to basement through the Cambrian section on site.

In the northern and central Black Hills, the Deadwood Formation is disconformably overlain by Ordovician rocks, which include the Whitewood and Winnipeg Formations. The Winnipeg Formation is absent in the southern Black Hills and the Whitewood Formation has been eroded and is not present south of Rapid City. In the southern Black Hills, the Deadwood Formation is unconformably overlain by the Devonian- and Mississippian-age Englewood Formation, which in turn, is overlain by the Madison Limestone (Driscoll et al., 2002).

#### Winnipeg and Whitewood (Red River) Formations (Ordovician)

As noted, the Ordovician Winnipeg and Whitewood (Red River) Formations are absent in the Dewey-Burdock Project area. Elsewhere these formations consist of green shale with siltstone (Carter et al., 2003).

#### Englewood Formation (Devonian - Mississippian)

The Englewood Formation consists of pink to buff limestone with shale at its base and ranges from about 30 to 60 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Englewood is projected to be approximately 34' thick and is the upper confining layer above the Deadwood Formation (Figure A-4).

#### Madison (Pahasapa) Limestone (Mississippian)

The Mississippian-age Madison Limestone consists of a sequence of marine carbonates and evaporites deposited mainly in a shallow, warm-water environment. It is a massive, gray to buff limestone, and locally dolomitic. The Madison Limestone was exposed at land surface for approximately 50 million years. During this period, significant erosion, soil development, and karstification occurred, resulting in the formation of numerous caves and fractures within the upper part of the formation. The thickness of the Madison increases from south to north in the Black Hills area and ranges from almost zero on the southeastern flank of the Black Hills Uplift to 1,000 feet of thickness east of Belle Fourche. Locally, the Madison is approximately 295' thick (Figure A-4). Because the Madison Limestone was exposed to erosion and karstification for millions of years, its contact with the overlying Minnelusa Formation is unconformable. Collapse features within the Madison and Minnelusa Formations may hydraulically interconnect the two formations (Driscoll et al., 2002) at some locations near the outcrop of the Black Hills. However, local data suggest that these two formations are hydrologically isolated in the Project area.

### Minnelusa Formation (Permian - Pennsylvanian)

The Pennsylvanian- and Permian-age Minnelusa Formation consists of yellow to red, cross-stratified sandstone, limestone, dolomite, and shale. The middle and lower parts of the formation consists of shale and anhydrite. The upper portion of the Minnelusa may also contain anhydrite, which generally has been removed by dissolution in or near the outcrop areas, occasionally forming collapse features filled with breccia.

The Minnelusa Formation was deposited in a coastal environment; dune structures at the top of the formation may represent beach sediments. The thickness of the Minnelusa increases from north to south and ranges from 375 feet near Belle Fourche to 1,175 feet near Edgemont. In the northeastern part of the central Black Hills, little anhydrite occurs in the subsurface due to a change in depositional environment. On the south and southwest sides of the Black Hills Uplift, the thickness of clastic units increases and a thick section of anhydrite occurs. In the southern Black Hills, the upper part of the Minnelusa Formation is disconformably overlain by the Permian-age Opeche Shale, which, in turn, is overlain by the Minnekahta Limestone (Driscoll et al., 2002; Carter et al., 2003).

Locally, the Minnelusa is 1,150' thick. The upper portion of the formation has three lobes that total approximately 164' of 21% porosity. The lower 560' appear to have relatively lower porosity and serve as lower confinement (Figure A-3).

### Opeche Shale (Permian)

The Opeche Shale consists of red shale and sandstone and ranges in thickness from 25 to 150 feet (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Opeche Shale is approximately 95' thick (Figure A-2) and forms the upper confinement above the Minnelusa.

### Minnekahta Limestone (Permian)

The Permian-age Minnekahta Limestone is a thin to medium-bedded, fine-grained, purple to gray laminated limestone, which ranges in thickness from 25 to 65 feet. The Minnekahta is overlain by the Spearfish Formation of Triassic- and Permian-age (Driscoll et al., 2002). Locally, the Minnekahta is approximately 40' thick (Figure A-2).

### Spearfish Formation (Triassic/Permian)

The Spearfish Formation consists of red silty shale, soft red sandstone, and siltstone with gypsum and thin limestone layers near its base and ranges from about 375 to 800 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Spearfish is approximately 320' thick (Figure A-2).

### Gypsum Springs Formation (Jurassic)

The Gypsum Springs Formation of Jurassic age consists of red siltstone, gypsum, and limestone and is 0 to 45 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003).

### Unkpapa/Sundance Formation

Some authors differentiate geologically between the Unkpapa and Sundance Formations, but they are thought to be connected hydrogeologically. As such, they are referenced as one formation elsewhere in this document in regard to hydrogeology and discussion of the lowermost USDW locally.

### Sundance Formation (Jurassic)

The Sundance Formation consists of greenish gray shale with thin limestone lenses; glauconitic sandstone, with red sandstone near the middle of the formation. The Sundance ranges from 250 to 450 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Sundance is approximately 280' thick (Figure A-2).

### Unkpapa Sandstone (Jurassic)

The Unkpapa Sandstone is a massive fine-grained sandstone, 0 to 225 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Unkpapa is approximately 80' thick (Figure A-2).

### Morrison Formation (Jurassic)

The Morrison Formation ranges from 0 to 220 feet thick and consists of green to maroon shale with thin sandstone beds (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Morrison is approximately 135' thick (Figure A-2).

### Inyan Kara Group (Cretaceous)

The Inyan Kara Group includes the Lakota and Fall River Formations. In aggregate, the Inyan Kara Group ranges from 135 to 900 feet thick in the Black Hills area (Driscoll et al., 2002) and is the host rock for the uranium mineralization in the Dewey-Burdock Project area. Locally, the Inyan Kara is approximately 235' thick (Figures D-16 – D-18).

The basal Lakota Formation consists of yellow, brown, and reddish-brown, massive to thinly bedded sandstone, pebble conglomerate, siltstone, and claystone of fluvial origin. Locally, the formation contains fine-grained limestone and coal and ranges in thickness from 35 to 700 feet (Carter et al., 2003). The basal Chilson Member of the Lakota Formation is a fluvial sequence which grades upward into marginal marine sediments. The upper Fuson Member of the Lakota Formation is composed of shale with minor beds of fine-grained sandstone and siltstone.

The overlying Fall River Formation consists of massive to thin-bedded, brown to reddish-brown sandstone, 10 to 200 feet thick. The formation is thinly bedded at the top and massive at the bottom (Carter et al., 2003).

### Graneros Group (Cretaceous)

The Graneros Group includes the Skull Creek Shale, Muddy/Newcastle Sandstone, Mowry Shale, and Belle Fourche Shale, which outcrop as a series of concentric rings outward from the Precambrian core of the Black Hills uplift. The Skull Creek Shale consists of dark-gray to black siliceous shale, 150 to 270 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). The Muddy/Newcastle Sandstone is a brown to light-yellow and white sandstone, 0 to 150 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003) and is present regionally but not over the project area. The Newcastle Sandstone is not present over the project area. The Mowry Shale is a light-gray siliceous shale with fish scales and thin layers of bentonite, and ranges from 125 to 230 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). The Belle Fourche Shale is a gray shale with scattered limestone concretions and clay-spur bentonite at the base and is approximately 150 to 850 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). Locally, the Skull Creek and Mowry are present and range in thickness from approximately 60' to 525' across the Dewey-Burdock Project area. The Graneros Group is bedrock regionally; some limited alluvium is found along drainages.



## **Regional Structure**

As described previously, the Black Hills Uplift is a dome structure with the rock units dipping outward, away from the central core. In detail, subsequent and attendant local doming caused by local intrusions disrupts the general dip of the units. Tensional stress created fault zones with considerable displacement from one side of the zone to the other, often a distance of three or four miles. The Dewey fault zone is a zone of major displacement. The faulting drops the uranium host units of the Inyan Kara several hundred feet where the oxidation reduction contact that formed the Dewey-Burdock mineralization is terminated (R.B. Smith & Assoc., Inc., 2005). Some authors (Carter et al., 1999, Figure D-8) show this fault continuing to depth. However, others (SDGS, Figure F-2) do not show deep displacement. In addition, there is little if any displacement shown on the Minnelusa structure contour map (Figure D-12). Even if some offset is present at the Minnelusa depth, this fault system is far enough from the proposed wells such that the impact of the fault on reservoir behavior is considered minimal.

Table F-1 presents a USGS stratigraphic column in the Black Hills area. Table F-2 presents a listing of projected depths (BGS) to top of major formations below the Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells sites, based on tops and thicknesses determined from the Type Logs (#1 West Mule Creek [T39N, R61W, Section 2], the Sun Lance- Nelson Estate #1 [T7S, R1E, Section 21], the Earl Darrow #1 Well [T7S R1E, Section 2]), and uranium exploration wells across the project area.

Note that all depths are projections based on regional data, and may vary from site-specific conditions. Therefore, actual formation top depths below ground surface may vary from those presented in Table F-2 and will be evaluated during well installation and testing.

This permit application requests injection into two zones: the Deadwood and granite wash (if present) and the Minnelusa. It is anticipated that each injection zone will be accessed via a separate well.

## **Precambrian and Cambrian Units (Lower Confining Zone and Injection Zone)**

### Precambrian

The oldest stratigraphic units in the Dewey-Burdock project area are the Precambrian igneous and metamorphic rocks, composed primarily of metasediments, including schists and graywackes. The Precambrian rock surface was eroded to a gentle undulating plain at the beginning of the Paleozoic Era and the overlying Paleozoic and Mesozoic strata were deposited on the Precambrian surface as nearly horizontal beds. Subsequent uplift during the Laramide orogeny and erosion exposed the Precambrian rocks in the central core of the Black Hills, with the Paleozoic and Mesozoic sedimentary rocks, as noted, exposed in roughly concentric rings around the uplifted Precambrian core (Driscoll et al., 2002). The Precambrian basement is estimated to occur at about 3,195' (Site 1) – 3,530' (Site 2) below ground surface at the Dewey-Burdock Disposal Well sites, and would serve as a lower confining zone. A structure contour map of the Precambrian is included as Figure F-2.

### Cambrian

The Cambrian-age Deadwood Formation consists of massive to thinly-bedded, brown to light-gray sandstone; greenish glauconitic shale; flaggy dolomite; and flat-pebble limestone conglomerate. Sandstone with conglomerate occurs locally at the base of the formation. The Deadwood, along with the granite wash below should it be present, is the proposed Injection Zone for DW Nos. 2 and 4. It is expected to be approximately 100' thick below the Dewey-Burdock Project and is expected to occur at about 3,095' below Site 1 and 3,430' below Site 2. Injection would occur from

approximately 3,100' - 3,195' at Site 1 and 3,435' - 3,530' at Site 2 (Figures M-2 and M-4). Based on Type Log #3, the effective porosity of the Deadwood is estimated to be approximately 85' thick at about 11% porosity (Figure A-4). Due to the fact that there are little local data available for the Deadwood, the assumed formation parameters and estimated depths and thicknesses will be confirmed during the drilling of DW No. 1. A regional isopach map of the Deadwood is included as Figure D-5.

### **Devonian - Mississippian Unit (Upper Confining Zone)**

The Englewood Formation consists of pink to buff limestone with shale at its base and ranges from about 30 to 60 feet thick (Carter et al., 2003). The Englewood is estimated to occur from 3,060' – 3,095' below Site 1 and 3,395' – 3,430' below Site 2. As shown on the lower portion of Type Log #3 from northeastern Wyoming, the upper 6' of the Deadwood and the approximately 34' thick Englewood Formation (Figure A-4) would provide approximately 40' of confining zone below the over-pressured Madison Formation.

### **Pennsylvanian – Permian Units (Lower Confining Zone, Injection Zone, and Upper Confining Zone)**

The Pennsylvanian- and Permian-age Minnelusa Formation consists of yellow to red, cross-stratified sandstone, limestone, dolomite, and shale. The middle and lower parts of the formation consists of shale and anhydrite. In the southern Black Hills, the upper part of the Minnelusa Formation is disconformably overlain by the Permian-age Opeche Shale. (Driscoll et al., 2002; Carter et al., 2003). Structure and isopach maps are presented as Figures D-12 and D-13, respectively.

#### Lower Confining Zone

Based on correlation of the Type Log #1 and Type Log #2 (Figures A-2 and A-3), the Minnelusa Formation is expected to occur at approximately 1,615' below Site 1 and 1,950' below Site 2 and expected to be approximately 1,150' thick. Based on type logs, the lower 560' appears to consist of interbedded tight sand and shale layers. Due to an apparent lack of porosity and permeability, this lower interval would not be targeted for injection but would serve as the lower confining zone above the Madison. Formation testing during the drilling process of DW No. 1 would be used to confirm the suitability of this section as a confining zone.

#### Injection Zone

The upper portion of the Minnelusa, the targeted zone for injection, is expected to occur from 1,615' - 2,205' below Site 1 and from 1,950' - 2,540' below Site 2 (Figures M-1 and M-3). The Type Logs indicate that there are three porous zones that total 164' in the upper 590' of the formation that range in porosity from approximately 21 to 33% (Figures A-2 and A-3). For the purpose of calculating the AORs, a conservative estimate of 21% was used. Depths, thicknesses and other parameters will be confirmed through formation testing during the drilling of DW No. 1.

#### Upper Confining Zone

The Opeche Shale consists of red shale and sandstone and ranges in thickness from 25 to 150 feet (Carter et al., 2003). As shown on Type Log #1 located within the Dewey-Burdock Project (Figure A-2), the formation is approximately 95' thick. The Opeche Shale is expected to occur at 1,520' below Site 1 and 1,855' below Site 2 and would serve and the upper confining zone above the Minnelusa Formation. The regional extent of the Opeche Shale is shown on Figures D-21 and D-22.

## **Structural Geology and Faulting**

As described previously, the Black Hills Uplift is a dome structure with the rock units dipping outward, away from the central core. Subsequent local doming caused by local intrusions disrupts the general dip of the units. Tensional stress created fault zones with considerable displacement from one side of the zone to the other, often a distance of three or four miles. The strata below the Dewey-Burdock Project dips 2–6 degrees to the southwest away from the domal uplift.

The northeast to southwest trending Dewey fault zone, a few miles to the north of the town of Dewey, is a zone of major displacement. It is a steeply dipping to vertical normal fault with the north side uplifted approximately 500'. Some authors (USGS, 1999) show this fault continuing to depth. However, others (SDGS, Figure F-2) do not show displacement. In addition, there is little if any displacement shown on the Minnelusa structure contour map (Figure D-12). Even if some offset is present at the Minnelusa depth, this fault system is far enough from the proposed wells such that the impact of the fault on reservoir behavior would be minimal.

The Long Mountain Structural Zone is located 7 miles southwest of the project area. It trends northeast – southwest and contains several small surface faults in the Inyan Kara. No faults were identified in the area on structure maps of the underlying Minnelusa or Deadwood Formations. There are no identified faults that occur within the AORs or the Dewey-Burdock Project area.

## **Seismic Activity**

The Dewey-Burdock area of southwestern South Dakota has been designated as a relatively minor seismic risk area by the USGS ([http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/south\\_dakota/hazards.php](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/south_dakota/hazards.php)). The proposed area has a peak acceleration of 10-12 percent g. While South Dakota does have a comparatively higher rate of seismicity than other northern plains states, earthquakes tend to be relatively rare and of low to moderate magnitude, and no active faults have been mapped in the vicinity. No data are available to suggest that seismic activity presents a risk for injection at the Dewey-Burdock Project. Figures F-3 and F-4 present seismic and peak ground acceleration maps of South Dakota.

TABLE F-1 Stratigraphic Section – Black Hills Area, South Dakota

ERA	SYSTEM	STRATIGRAPHIC UNIT	THICKNESS IN FEET	DESCRIPTION		
CENOZOIC	Quaternary & Tertiary (?)	Undifferentiated alluvium, terraces, and colluvium	0-50	Sand, gravel, boulders, & clay		
	Tertiary	White River Group	0-300	Light colored clays with sandstone channel fillings & local sandstone lenses		
		Intrusive Igneous Rocks	--	Includes rhyolite, latite, trachyte & phonolite		
MESOZOIC	Cretaceous	Pierre Shale	1,200-2,700	Principal horizon of limestone lenses giving teepee buttes		
				Dark gray shale containing concretions		
				Widely scattered limestone masses, giving small teepee buttes.		
				Black fissile shale with concretions		
		Niobrara Formation		80-300	Impure chalk & calcareous shale	
		Carlile Shale	Turner Sandy Member	350-750	Light-gray shale with numerous large concretions & sandy layers	
			Wall Creek Member		Dark-gray shale	
		Greenhorn Formation		225-380	Impure slabby limestone. Weathers buff Dark-gray calcareous shale with thin Oman Lake limestone at base.	
		Graneros Group	Belle Fourche Shale	150-850	Gray shale with scattered limestone concretions Clay spur bentonite at base	
			Mowry Shale	125-230	Light-gray siliceous shale. Fish scales and thin layers of bentonite.	
			Muddy/New-castle Sandstone	0-150	Brown to light-yellow and white sandstone	
			Skull Creek Shale	150-270	Dark-gray to black siliceous shale	
		Inyan Kara	Fall River Formation	10-200	Massive to thin-bedded, slabby, brown to reddish-brown sandstone	
			Lakota Formation	35-700	thinly bedded sandstone, pebble conglomerate, siltstone, and claystone. Locale fine-grained limestone and coal	
	Jurassic	Morrison Formation		0-220	Green to maroon shale. Thin sandstone	
		Unkpapa Sandstone		0-225	Massive fine-grained sandstone	
		Sundance Formation		250-450	Greenish-gray shale, thin limestone lenses Glauconitic sandstone; red sandstone near middle	
		Gypsum Spring Formation		0-45	Red siltstone, gypsum, & limestone	
		Triassic				
	PALEOZOIC	Permian	Spearfish/Goose Egg Formation		375-800	Red sandy shale, soft red sandstone & siltstone with gypsum and thin limestone layers; Gypsum locally near base.
			Minnekahta Limestone		25-65	Thin to medium bedded, fine-crystalline, purplish-gray, laminated limestone
			Opeche Shale		25-150	Red shale & sandstone
			Minnelusa Formation		375-1,175	Yellow to red cross-bedded sandstone, limestone, & anhydrite locally at top. Interbedded sandstone, limestone, dolomite, shale, and anhydrite
Pennsylvanian				Red shale with interbedded limestone & sandstone at base.		
Mississippian		Madison (Pahasapa) Limestone		250-1,000	Massive light-colored limestone, Dolomite in part. Cavernous in upper part	
Devonian		Englewood Formation		30-60	Pink to buff limestone. Shale locally at base	
Ordovician		Whitewood (Red River) Formation		0-225	Buff dolomite & limestone	
		Winnipeg Formation		0-150	Green shale with siltstone	
Cambrian		Deadwood Formation		0-500	Massive to thin-bedded brown to light-gray sandstone. Greenish glauconitic shale, flaggy dolomite, limestone, & flat-pebble limestone conglomerate. Sandstone with conglomerate locally at base.	
PRE-CAMBRIAN		Undifferentiated Igneous & Metamorphic Rocks	--	Schist, slate, quartzite, and arkosic grit. Intruded by diorite, metamorphosed to amphibolite, and by granite & pegmatite		

Source: Carter, J.M., and D.G. Driscoll, 2003. *Ground-Water Resources in the Black Hills Area*, South Dakota. U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 03-4049.

TABLE F-2 Proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells Projected Formation Depth Summary

Formation	DW Nos. 1 and 2 (Based on Well FBS170 and Typelogs)			DW Nos. 3 and 4 (Based on Well DWA140 and Typelogs)		
	Depth of Top (ft) AMSL	Depth of Top (ft) BGS	Est. Thickness (ft)	Depth of Top (ft) AMSL	Depth of Top (ft) BGS	Est. Thickness (ft)
Skull Creek Shale	3710	0	190	3650	0	525
Fall River	3520	190	125	3125	525	125
Lakota	3395	315	110	3000	650	110
Morrison	3285	425	135	2890	760	135
Unkpapa	3150	560	80	2755	895	80
Sundance	3070	640	280	2675	975	280
Spearfish	2790	920	320	2395	1255	320
Goose Egg	2470	1240	240	2075	1575	240
Minnekahta Limestone	2230	1480	40	1835	1815	40
Opeche Shale	2190	1520	95	1795	1855	95
Minnelusa	2095	1615	1150	1700	1950	1150
Madison (Pahasapa)	945	2765	295	550	3100	295
Englewood	650	3060	35	255	3395	35
Deadwood	615	3095	100	220	3430	100
Granite Wash	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Precambrian	515	3195	N/A	120	3530	N/A

Note: Estimates Based on Powertech Cross-sections (Class III application), the #1 West Mule Creek Well (API: 4902705978, T39N R61W Sec 2) the Lance-Nelson Estate #1 Well (API: 4004705089, T7S R1E Sec 21), and the Earl Darrow #1 Well (API: 4004705095, T7S R1E Sec 2)

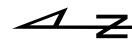
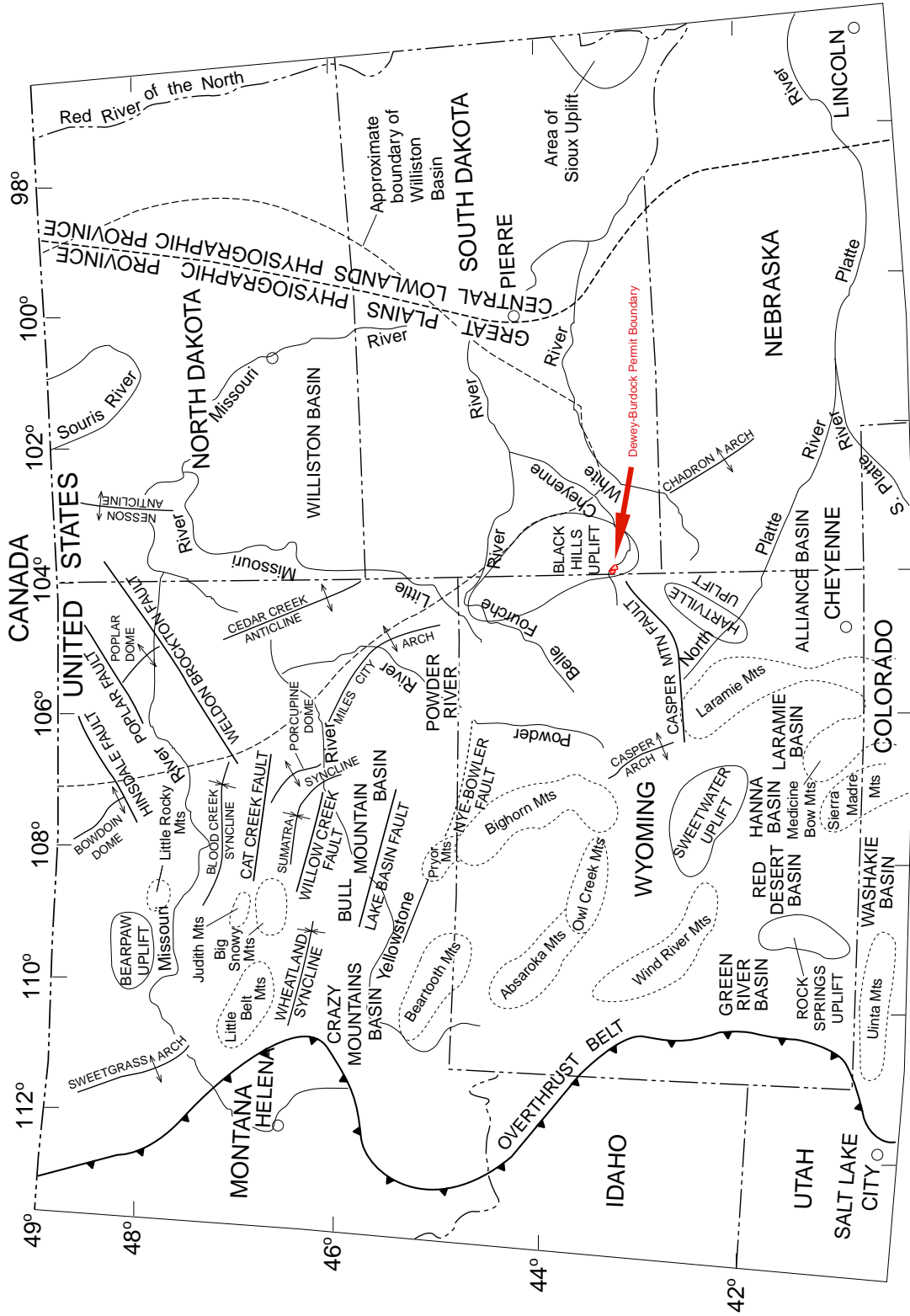
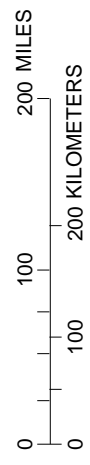


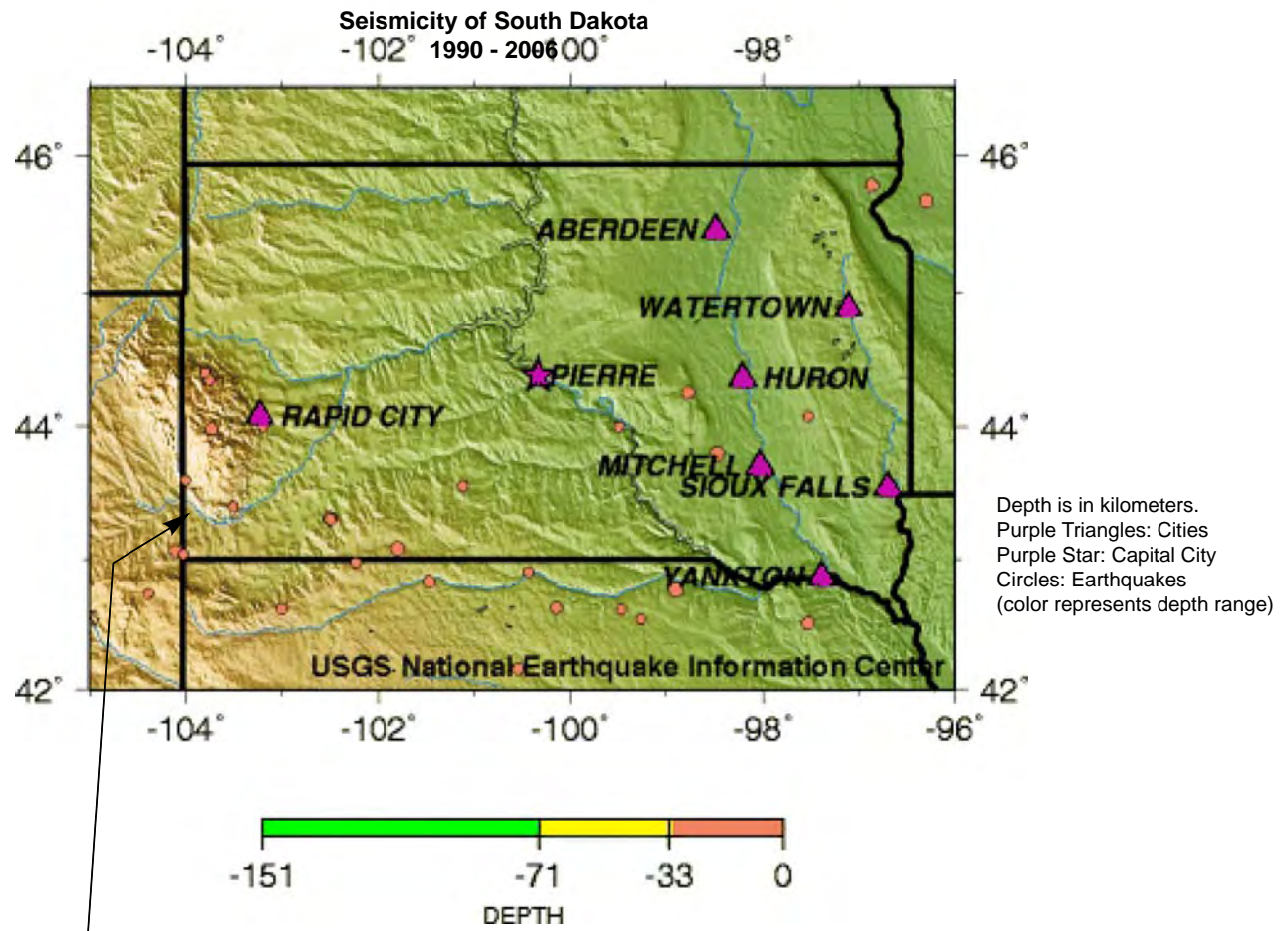
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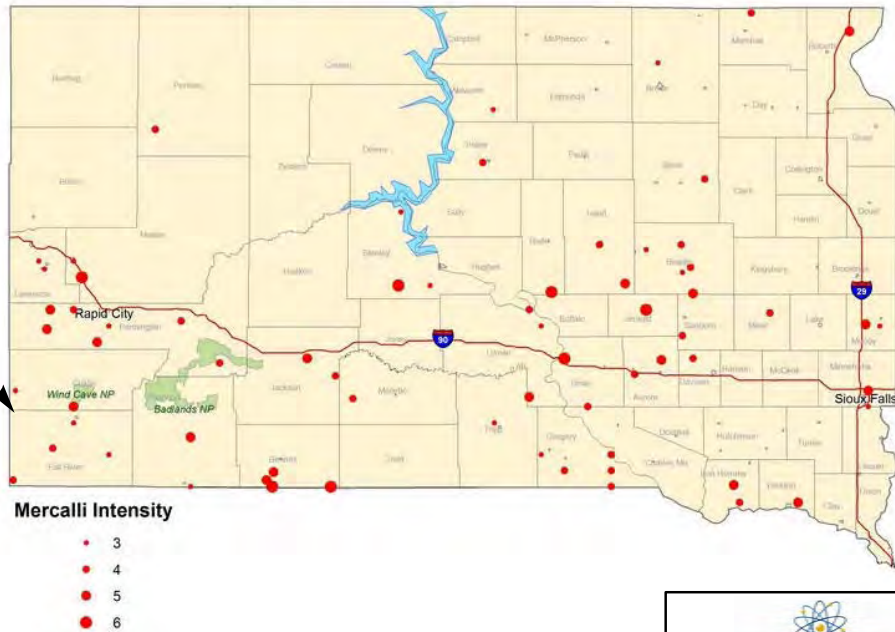







Earthquakes in South Dakota (1872 - 2007)

Dewey Burdock Project Location





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 Seismicity of South Dakota, 1990-2006; and  
 Earthquakes in South Dakota, 1872-2007  
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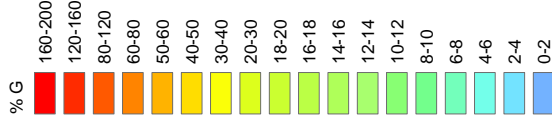
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Map Source: USGS website  
 Earthquake locations are from the USGS/NEIC PDE catalog.



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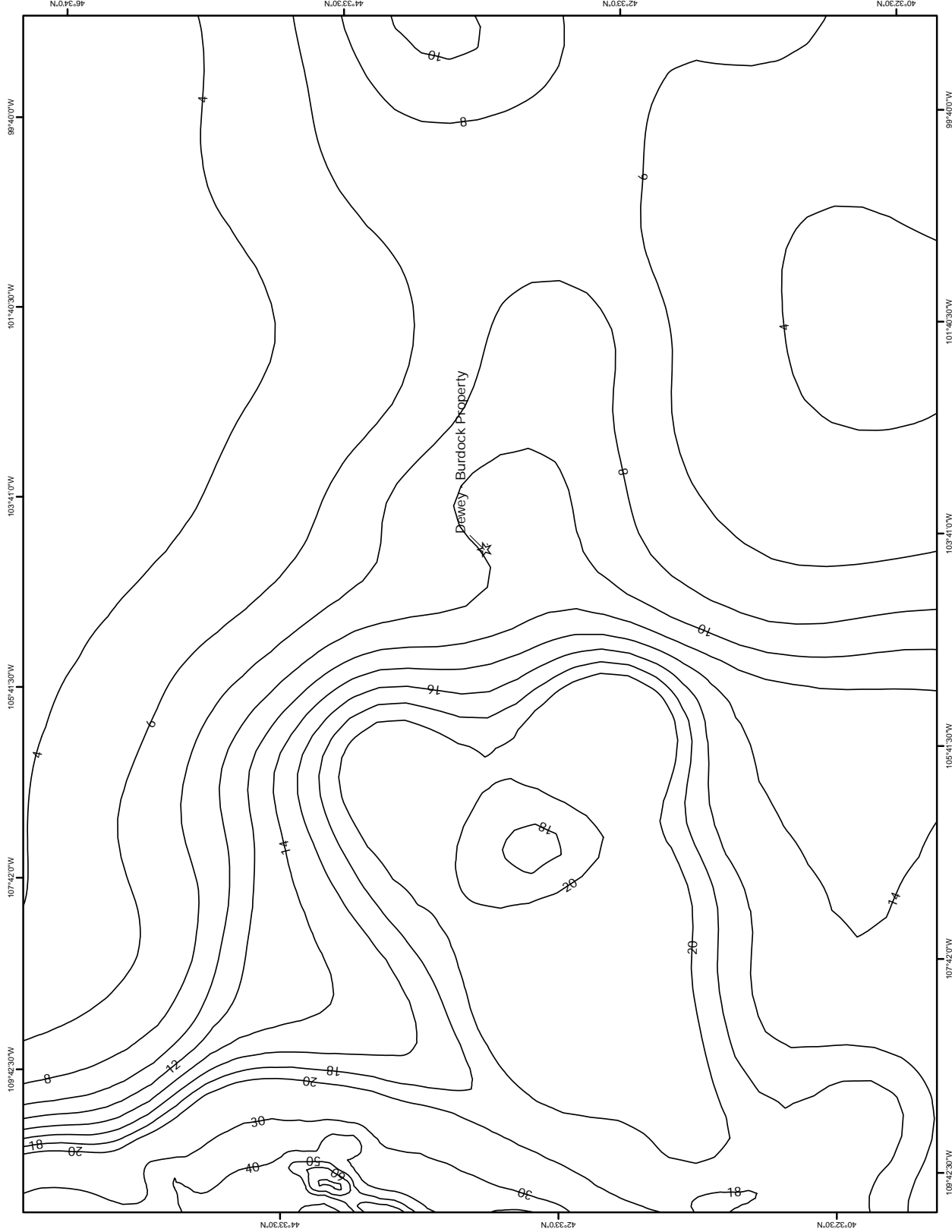


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Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA),  
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Projection: South Dakota State Plane South, NAD83 (feet)

## **2.G GEOLOGIC DATA ON INJECTION AND CONFINING ZONES**

For Class II Wells (Not Applicable to this Application)

## 2.H OPERATING DATA

*Submit the following proposed operating data for each well (including all those to be covered by area permits): (1) average and maximum daily rate and volume of the fluids to be injected; (2) average and maximum injection pressure; (3) nature of annulus fluid; (4) for Class I wells, source and analysis of the chemical, physical, radiological and biological characteristics, including density and corrosiveness, of injection fluids. If the information is proprietary, maximum concentrations only may be submitted, but all records must be retained.*

### RESPONSE

#### Maximum Injection Pressure

Each well has been designed for operation under positive pressure to be supplied by using an injection pump. Since no site-specific data are available, the default value of 0.68 psi/ft will be used for the fracture gradient of the Minnelusa Formation as suggested by the University of Wyoming Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (<http://eori.uwyo.edu/database.asp>). Due to a lack of data for the Deadwood Formation, the same fracture gradient will be applied to that formation. Should formation testing in DW No. 1 indicate that the use of an alternate fracture gradient is appropriate, the calculations will be modified accordingly based on site-specific data. Injection fluid is assumed to be comprised of a brine with a maximum specific gravity of 1.008 (SG of 15,000 mg/l TDS brine) that fills the tubing from the surface to the depth of the injection zone. Maximum wellhead injection pressure for each well is calculated and presented in Table H-1. These calculations include allowances for pressure loss in tubing due to friction.

Based on the calculated wellhead fracture pressure values listed in Table H-1 (assuming a maximum continuous specific gravity of 1.008), it is requested that a maximum wellhead injection pressure of 424 psi, 816 psi, 512 psi, and 904 psi be authorized for future injection activities at DW Nos. 1 (Minnelusa), 2 (Deadwood), 3 (Minnelusa), and 4 (Deadwood), respectively. It is requested that injection limitation be defined by these surface pressures, not by rate.

#### Average Rates, Volumes and Pressures

The range of injection rates and pressures is expected to fluctuate depending on the demands of the ISL project along with variables related to the well and the reservoir conditions. Injection rates are projected to average between 50 and 75 gpm based on continuous operations. However, injection may occur in a periodic or "batch mode" depending on demand.

Average injection pressures during active operations are expected to range from approximately 300 to 800 psi depending on the permitted injection pressure, history of recent well capacity demands, and the condition of the well and the injection reservoirs.

#### Annulus Pressure

Annulus pressure will be maintained at a minimum of 100 psi above tubing pressure, except during the course of workovers and/or maintenance operations.

#### Nature of Annulus Fluid

In the proposed Dewey-Burdock Wells, the annulus space between the injection tubing and the well protection casing will be sealed and filled with fresh water containing a corrosion inhibitor, an oxygen scavenger and a biocide as may be deemed necessary by the operator. Annulus fluids will

include Baker Petrolite CRW0037F or Unichem Technihib 366W corrosion inhibitors and bactericides, CRW 132 oxygen scavenger, A-303 corrosion inhibitor, Knockout 50 oxygen scavenger, and Bacban 3 Biocides or suitable equivalents. No permit condition regarding specific brands or fluid additives are requested or required.

Monitoring the pressure changes in the sealed annulus space is a means of verifying the continued mechanical integrity of the well. The monitoring equipment material will be non-corrosive, not subject to biologic degradation, and preferably non-freezing at winter temperatures. At this time, methanol, diesel, heat tracing, and/or a wellhouse heater may be used at the wellhead and annulus tank system to manage any potential for weather related problems in the surface equipment.

Each well is to be operated, and operating data reported, according to the requirements outlined in Table H-2.

### **Injectate Characteristics**

The proposed wells are intended for management of ISL mining related wastewater from the Powertech Dewey-Burdock Project. The density of the injectate is estimated to be up to 1.008 (SG of 15,000 mg/l TDS brine). The Dewey-Burdock ISL Project is not yet an operating mine, so an example analysis of the injectate is not available. As such, the following paragraph and Table H-3 describing typical liquid waste from ISL facilities from the USNRC, NUREG-1910, Vol. 1, GEIS, Section 2.7.2, has been included in this document. As required by applicable law, Powertech will treat to radionuclide standards outlined in 10 CFR 20, Appendix B, Table 2.

#### **2.7.2 Liquid Wastes**

*Liquid wastes from ISL facilities are generated during all phases of uranium recovery; construction, operations, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning. Liquid wastes may contain elevated concentrations of radioactive and chemical constituents. Table 2.7-3 shows estimated flow rates and constituents in liquid waste streams for the Highland ISL facility (NRC, 1978). Liquid waste streams are predominantly production bleed (1 to 3 percent of the process flow rate) and aquifer restoration water (NRC, 1997a). Additional liquid waste streams are generated from well development, flushing of depleted eluant to limit impurities, resin transfer wash, filter washing, uranium precipitation process wastes (brine), and plant wash down water.*

Powertech proposes to treat the liquid waste to reduce radionuclide activities below the established limits for discharge of radionuclides to the environment, which are listed in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Table 2, Column 2. These limits are presented in Table H-4. These limits are based on Annual Limits on Intake (ALI) of radionuclides for occupational exposure. Waste streams containing radionuclides below these regulatory limits are not classified as radioactive waste.

Liquid wastes will be treated to achieve uranium effluent limits in the IX columns. It is not anticipated that thorium-230 and lead-210 will be present at concentrations above the limits; however, if concentrations are above the limits, the effluent will be treated as necessary to satisfy the Appendix B limits. Radium-226 will be treated in radium settling ponds by adding barium chloride to the liquid waste to co-precipitate radium-226 with barium sulfate. The technology for radium removal by barium chloride is well developed (e.g., Kirby and Salutsky, 1964).

**TABLE H-1 Maximum Injection Pressure for Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells**

	DW No. 1	DW No. 2	DW No. 3	DW No. 4
Fracture Gradient (psi/ft)	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68
Injection Depth (ft)	1615	3100	1950	3435
Fluid Specific Gravity	1.008	1.008	1.008	1.008
Water Gradient (psi/ft)	0.433	0.433	0.433	0.433
Calculated Fracture Pressure (psi)	1098	2108	1326	2336
Hydrostatic Pressure of Fluid Column (psi)	705	1353	851	1499
Pressure Loss in Tubing (psi)	31	61	38	67
Maximum Injection Pressure at Surface (psi)	424	816	512	904

**TABLE H-2 Operating, Monitoring, and Reporting Requirements for Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Minimum Monitoring Frequency</b>	<b>Minimum Reporting Frequency</b>
Average Injection Rate	2,571 bpd max.	Continuous	quarterly
Instantaneous Injection Rate	1.7 bpm max.	Continuous	quarterly
Cumulative Volume	2,571 bpd max.	Continuous	quarterly
Max. Injection Pressure	Well Specific	Continuous	quarterly
Ave. Injection Pressure	Well Specific	Continuous	quarterly
Annulus Pressure*	100 psig min.	Continuous	quarterly
Annulus/Tubing Pressure Differential	100 psig min.	Continuous	quarterly
Sight Glass Level	Visible	daily when operated	quarterly
Annulus Fluid Addition Or Removal	-	Daily	quarterly
Chemical Composition of Injected Fluids	-	quarterly	within 30 days of sampling
Physical Characteristics of Injected Fluids	-	quarterly	within 30 days of sampling

\* Except during maintenance and workover operations

TABLE H-3 Example Analysis of Injectate from Typical ISR Project

<b>Table 2.7-3. Estimated Flow Rates and Constituents in Liquid Waste Streams for the Highland <i>In-Situ</i> Leach Facility*</b>					
	<b>Water Softener Brine</b>	<b>Resin Rinse</b>	<b>Elution Bleed</b>	<b>Yellowcake Wash Water</b>	<b>Restoration Wastes</b>
Flow Rate, gal/min	1	<3	3	7	450
As, ppm					0.1–0.3
Ca, ppm	3,000–5,000				
Cl, ppm	15,000–20,000	10,000–15,000	12,000–15,000	4,000–6,000	
CO <sub>3</sub> , ppm		500–800			300–600
HCO <sub>3</sub> , ppm		600–900			400–700
Mg, ppm	1,000–2,000				
Na, ppm	10,000–15,000	6,000–11,000	6,000–8,000	3,000–4,000	380–720
NH <sub>4</sub> , ppm			640–180		
Se, ppm					0.05–0.15
Ra-226, pCi/L	<5	100–200	100–300	20–50	50–100
SO <sub>4</sub> , ppm					100–200
Th-230, pCi/L	<5	50–100	10–30	10–20	50–150
U, ppm	<1	1–3	5–10	3–5	<1
Gross Alpha, pCi/L					2,000–3,000
Gross Beta, pCi/L					2,500–3,500

\*NRC. NUREG-0489, "Final Environmental Statement Related to Operation of Highland Uranium"

Table H-4  
Anticipated Effluent Limits for Class V DDWs

Radionuclide	Anticipated Effluent Limits	
	Units	
	$\mu\text{Ci/ml}$	pCi/L
Lead-210	1.00E-08	10
Radium-226	6.00E-08	60
Uranium-nat.	3.00E-07	300
Thorium-230	1.00E-07	100

Source: 10 CFR 20 Appendix B, Table 2, Column 2



## 2.1 FORMATION TESTING PROGRAM

*Describe the proposed formation testing program. For Class I wells the program must be designed to obtain data on fluid pressure, temperature, fracture pressure, other physical, chemical, and radiological characteristics of the injection matrix and physical and chemical characteristics of the formation fluids.*

### RESPONSE

The DW No. 1 is to be installed and tested in the year 2011 according to applicable regulations and permit requirements. Subsequent wells likely will be installed and tested in 2011 or following years. Static pressure of the Minnelusa and Deadwood Formations along with estimates of various injection interval characteristics such as porosity and permeability are to be determined via core and pressure transient testing, while native brine chemistry and characteristics are to be determined based on acquisition of fluid samples. Additional fluid samples and static pressures will be taken from surrounding formations to establish characteristics and water quality. Characteristics of the potential injection intervals are also to be evaluated based on conducting geophysical well logging. Additional details regarding the well logging are presented in Response 2.L, Construction Details. The proposed target injection interval for DW Nos. 1 and 3 is the Minnelusa Formation and the proposed target injection interval for DW Nos. 2 and 4 is the Deadwood and granite wash. As further described in Section 2.L, the DW No. 1 will be drilled to basement to allow testing of both proposed targets then plugged back with cement to above the Madison Formation before being completed with perforations of the cased hole in the Minnelusa.

After the open hole section has been drilled, but prior to conducting any injection testing, injection interval fluid will be produced from the well using a submersible pump, swabbing or wireline testing equipment. Based on fluid loss during drilling and field conditions, target production volumes for obtaining representative samples will be adjusted in the field, based on conditions encountered. Field parameters including pH and conductivity will also be monitored at surface as fluid is recovered to determine when representative sampling is practical. Formation fluid samples generally will be subjected to analysis for the following parameters (Note: not all parameters will be analyzed for all samples):

- Alkalinity, Arsenic, Barium, Bicarbonate, Cadmium, Calcium, Carbonate, Chloride, Chromium, Conductivity, Copper, Hardness, Iron, Lead, Magnesium, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Nitrate, as (N), pH, Potassium, Uranium, Radium 226, Radium 228, Selenium, Silica as SiO<sub>2</sub>, Sodium, Specific Gravity, Strontium, Sulfur, TDS, TSS, Zinc, BTEX, Oil and Grease

Annual Part I mechanical integrity testing for the Dewey-Burdock wells will include reservoir monitoring as specified in 40 CFR 146.13 (d) in addition to static annulus pressure testing. Powertech (USA), Inc. will provide the agency with a minimum of 30 days notice of annual testing. Notice is to include proposed procedures for testing. Although test procedures or methods may be changed based on approval by Region 8 USEPA staff, the following procedure will be utilized for the first such testing to be performed:

1. Conduct Wellsite Safety Meeting
  - A. Prior to commencement of field activities, conduct safety meeting with contractors and personnel to be involved with field services and MIT testing. Ensure that all safety procedures are understood and review days work activities.

2. Conduct Fall-Off Test

- A. Record data regarding historical test well injection at typical operating conditions (constant rate preferred). Rate, temperature and specific gravity versus time will be sampled and recorded during the injection period. Cumulative volume injected will also be recorded. Continue injection for a minimum of approximately 2 - 6 hours. Additional time may be required depending on the nature of formation characteristics estimated from fluid sampling activities. Note that significant rate variations may yield poor quality data or require more complicated analysis techniques.
- B. Rig-up downhole pressure gauge(s) and run in the well to the testing/recording depth.
- C. Obtain final stabilized injection pressure for a minimum of one hour. Ensure that the gauge temperature readings have also stabilized.
- D. After gauge recordings are stable, cease injection and monitor pressure fall-off. Instantaneous shut-in yields best results. Continue monitoring pressure for a minimum of six hours or until a valid observation of fall-off curve is observed.
- E. Stop test data acquisition, pull gauges from the well, rig-down and release equipment.

3. Annulus Pressure Test

- A. Stabilize well pressure and temperature.
- B. If required, arrangements will be made for a representative from the USEPA to be present to witness this testing.
- C. Install ball valve or similar type "bleed" valve on annulus gate valve. Pressurize annulus to a minimum of 100 psig with liquid and shut-in pump side gate valve. If typical operating annulus pressures are above 100 psi, higher pressures acceptable to the agency and compatible with the well completion configuration will be utilized. Pressure to be used will be detailed in proposed procedures supplied with notification of testing. Install USEPA-certified gauge on "bleed" type valve. The annulus may need to be pressurized and bled off several times to ensure an absence of air. Monitor and record pressure for one hour. Pressure may not fluctuate more than 10 percent during the one-hour test. At the conclusion of the test, lower the annulus pressure to normal operating pressure.

## **2.J STIMULATION PROGRAM**

*Outline any proposed stimulation program.*

### **RESPONSE**

No specific stimulation program is currently scheduled for the proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells. Injection is utilized elsewhere within the region in the proposed Minnelusa Formation injection interval. Based on typical operations, hydrochloric acid or mud acid (HCl/HF) stimulation or other stimulations of the injection interval may be required as part of the original completion to achieve desired injection capacity or as maintenance during operations. If necessary to maintain desired injectivity, mechanical well clean out or acidization of a similar nature to programs used in other injectors may be conducted to reduce injection pressures. The USEPA will be notified prior to any stimulation activities being conducted in the well.

## **2.K INJECTION PROCEDURES**

*Describe the proposed injection procedures including pump, surge tank, etc.*

### **RESPONSE**

The Dewey-Burdock wells are to be dedicated to the injection of fluids derived from the Dewey-Burdock ISL Project. Details regarding the waste stream, surface equipment and practices to be followed for operation of the well are presented in this attachment. Note that additional details regarding the wellhead, annulus components and surface facilities of the system are provided in Response 2.M of this document. Additional details regarding operating parameters for the system are included in Attachment H of this document.

#### **Surface Facility Description**

The Dewey-Burdock ISL facility is located in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota, 13 miles north-northwest of Edgemont (Figure 1). Figure K-1 is a generalized process flow diagram of the major surface facility components. They consist of storage and pretreatment facilities, screens/filters and pumps with high pressure flow lines to the wellhead, and associated monitoring equipment.

#### **Injection Procedures**

Fluids will be collected at the Dewey-Burdock plant facilities and transported via existing flow line to the well sites. Depending on fluid quality and well performance, fluids may be routed through filters prior to injection into the wells. Fluids will then be transferred from a final head tank to the suction end of an injection pump. Injection will take place at desired flow rates with a maximum injection pressure not to exceed those specified in Table H-1 as previously indicated in this document (see Response 2.H). Higher pressures may be requested depending on site-specific test data obtained during well installation. Figure K-1 includes a general flow diagram of proposed instrumentation.

#### **Well Operating Procedures, Alarms and Annulus Pressure Maintenance**

It is anticipated that each well will be automated, but may also be operated manually. Operators will start the injection process by opening necessary valves to allow the pumps to be started, or for the wells to draw fluid from the storage tanks. Restraints will be incorporated into the well monitoring systems to meet UIC regulations and permit conditions. The automated control system will include control switches to alarm the operator if certain operating conditions are encountered. For regulatory purposes, a high injection pressure switch (set below the permit maximum) and a low annulus differential switch (set above the permit minimum) will shut-off injection pump power and will alarm the operator so that the well can be fully isolated and secured. In the event that any of the permit condition related set points are exceeded, injection operations will cease until the problem is identified, corrected, and the system is then manually restarted by an operator when compliance is verified.

Annulus pressure in the well system will be maintained with a nitrogen bottle attached to an annulus fluid reservoir (head tank). On days when injection takes place, annulus fluid level will be monitored in the annulus fluid head tank by the use of a level indicator or a sight glass, and additions or subtractions of fluid from the annulus tank will be recorded for monitoring purposes and reported on a quarterly basis per permit requirements.

If the proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells are monitored and operated remotely, the following

special conditions shall be applicable to each well. For the purpose of this permit, remote monitoring is defined as injection into the wells when a trained operator is not present on site property and able to perceive shut-down alarms and able to physically respond to the well controls or the wellhead within 15 minutes of a compliance alarm condition.

1. Local operating system and remote monitoring system: If remote monitoring is to be used to operate the well, an automatic pager designed to alert designated on-call, off-site personnel in the event of a well alarm or shut-in shall be onsite and equipped with a back-up power supply.
2. Response to automatic shut-downs: Alarm shut-downs of the operating well related to permit compliance conditions of the well shall be investigated on-site by a trained operator within three (3) hours of pager notification of the occurrence.
3. Loss of power to the control system: In the event of a power failure beyond the capability of the back-up power supply shuts down the control system, the well shall be shut-in.
4. Loss of dial tone: If the automatic pager cannot get a dial tone for 90 minutes, the well shall automatically be shut-in.
5. Restart of the well after an automatic shut-in: Restart of the well after a shut-in related to a permit condition alarm (including, but not limited to, injection pressure, annulus differential pressure, loss of dial tone for more than 90 minutes or control system power failure) shall require the physical presence of the operator on-site before the well can be restarted.
6. Restart of the well after non-permit condition related or scheduled shut-ins: If the well is shut-in for more than 48 hours for circumstances unrelated to permit conditions, restart of the well shall require the physical presence of the operator on-site.
7. Monthly operator inspections: If fluid injection occurs during the period of any month and the well is being monitored remotely, a trained operator shall physically visit the site to inspect the facility at a minimum frequency of not less than once per month. This inspection shall verify the correct operation of the remote monitoring system by review of items such as, but not limited to, a comparison of the values shown on mechanical gauges with those reported by the remote operating system. Unless annulus pressure changes by more than 10 percent per week while the well is injecting, only one annulus fluid level per week shall be required to be taken, recorded and reported when injection takes place.
8. When the well is not actively being used for injection, one annulus tank fluid level measurement shall be taken, recorded and reported per month unless annulus fluid pressure decreases more than 10 percent per month. In such cases of increased annulus pressure change, annulus fluid level measurements shall be taken, recorded and reported twice per month.
9. When not in use by a trained well operator, offloading connections shall be secured and shall be locked at the valves leading to waste water tanks so that access is restricted to trained well operators.
10. In the event of well shut-down, it may become necessary to transport fluid by truck to an

alternate well site within the proposed Class V permit area. Offloading of fluid from transports can only occur with a trained operator physically present on site. A waste related log sheet and/or waste manifest file will be maintained documenting that a trained well operator allowed fluid to be unloaded. At a minimum, waste log entries are to include operator name, date, time, truck identification and approximate volume.

### Radium Settling Storage Pond Contingencies

Storage volume calculations for the radium settling ponds are sufficient for a project life extending well beyond 10 years. The radium settling ponds have been sized conservatively in that each pond has been designed to process the entire project-wide liquid waste stream with a retention time of 8 to 14 days at the maximum production bleed rate of 3%. In actual practice, the production bleed will typically be about 0.875% and the liquid waste will typically be divided between the Dewey and Burdock radium settling ponds. Higher bleed rates, up to 3%, will only be used for relatively short time periods as needed to control the sub-surface movement of lixiviant. The volumes of sludge presented were computed based on the addition of barium chloride at a rate of 20 mg/L of wastewater and assuming the pond sludge is comprised of the resultant barium sulfate, with a solids content of 40 percent by weight and a specific gravity of 1.4.

As shown in Table K-1 (0.875% bleed rate), the volume of sludge which will accumulate over 10- and 20-year periods is relatively small compared to the overall pond volume. In addition, the Satellite Facility and CPP will each have a spare pond suitable for use as a settling pond if the primary ponds need to be temporarily removed from service for sludge removal or repair. Furthermore, the Dewey-Burdock Project is expected to produce liquid waste for a total of 8.25 years

Table K-2 (3.0% bleed rate) shows that even at the maximum production bleed, pond retention times will still be within the acceptable range of 8 to 14 days for typical radium settling ponds and that the ability to settle out radium will not be impaired by the accumulation of sludge.

### Treatment Facilities

All waste water will be treated for removal of radionuclides to meet the criteria described in Section 2.H. This will include the use of ion exchange and radium settling ponds. Ion Exchange is performed as part of the uranium recovery process. Radium settling ponds will be located at the Dewey and Burdock locations sufficient for treatment of all waste water generated by ISR well field activities including recovery and groundwater restoration phases. An additional storage pond will be utilized at the Central Process plant for storage of other waste water prior to disposal. Expected flow rate of waste water from concurrent recovery and groundwater restoration operation is expected to average a total of 197 gpm over the life of the project. This consists of the following anticipated flows:

Aquifer bleed during recovery	35 gpm
Aquifer bleed during restoration	150 gpm
Waste water from Central Processing plant	12 gpm

The flows have been presented in the water balance provided in the "Revised Responses to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) for the Technical Report (TR); Powertech (USA) Inc.'s Proposed Dewey-Burdock Project" and are representative of the estimated average over the life of the project but are expected to vary on an annual basis.

**Table K-1: Estimated Sludge Accumulation and Effect on Pond Retention Times for Typical Production Bleed of 0.875%**

<b>Radium Settling Pond Parameters</b>	<b>Units*</b>	<b>Value</b>
Production Bleed	Mgal	127
Restoration Wastewater	Mgal	539
CPP Wastewater	Mgal	43
Total Project Wastewater	Mgal	709
Volume of Sludge @ Project End	ac-ft	0.09
Volume of Sludge @ 10 Years	ac-ft	0.35
Volume of Sludge @ 20 Years	ac-ft	0.71
Operating Capacity of 1 Radium Settling Pond	ac-ft	39.4
Retention Time, Initial	D	16.3
Retention Time, Project End	D	16.3
Retention Time @ 10 Years	D	16.2
Retention Time @ 20 Years	D	16
* Mgal = million gallons		
DDW = deep disposal well		
LA = land application		
ac-ft = acre-feet		
d = days		

**Table K-2: Estimated Sludge Accumulation and Effect on Pond Retention Times for Typical Production Bleed of 3.0%**

<b>Radium Settling Pond Parameters</b>	<b>Units*</b>	<b>Value</b>
Production Bleed	Mgal	436
Restoration Wastewater	Mgal	162
CPP Wastewater	Mgal	43
Total Project Wastewater	Mgal	641
Volume of Sludge @ Project End	ac-ft	0.08
Volume of Sludge @ 10 Years	ac-ft	0.18
Volume of Sludge @ 20 Years	ac-ft	0.36
Operating Capacity of 1 Radium Settling Pond	ac-ft	15.9
Retention Time, Initial	D	12.8
Retention Time, Project End	D	12.7
Retention Time @ 10 Years	D	12.6
Retention Time @ 20 Years	D	12.5
* Mgal = million gallons		
DDW = deep disposal well		
LA = land application		
ac-ft = acre-feet		
d = days		





## 2.L CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

*Discuss the construction procedures (according to §146.12 for Class I, §146.22 for Class II, and §146.32 for Class III) to be utilized. This should include details of the casing and cementing program, logging procedures, deviation checks, and the drilling, testing and coring programs, and proposed annulus fluid (Request and submission of justifying data must be made to use an alternative to a packer for Class I).*

### RESPONSE

The proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells are to be newly installed Class V wells. DW Nos. 1 and 2 will be constructed at Site 1 DW No. 1 located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 2, T 7 S, R 1 E, Fall River County, South Dakota DW Nos. 3 and 4 will be constructed at Site 2 located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 29, T 6 S, R 1 E, Custer County, South Dakota (Figures B-2 and B-2a). In the event that additional wells are required to inject at the requested 300 gpm site rate, locations within the proposed Class V permit area will be determined at a later date.

At Site 1, ground level is estimated to be approximately 3,710' above mean sea level (AMSL); Kelly Bushing (KB) will be dependent on rig size and availability. DW No. 1 will be drilled to a Total Depth (TD) of approximately 3,195' BGS to the top of the Precambrian basement. Following testing procedures in the Minnelusa, Madison, and Deadwood formations, the well will be completed in the Minnelusa Formation. DW No. 2 will be drilled to a TD of approximately 3,195', or to the top of the Precambrian basement, and completed in the Deadwood and granite wash.

At Site 2, ground level is estimated to be approximately 3,650' above mean sea level (AMSL); Kelly Bushing (KB) will be dependent on rig size and availability. DW No.3 will be drilled to a TD of approximately 2,740' BGS through the top 790' of the Minnelusa and completed in that formation. DW No. 4 will be drilled to a TD of approximately 3,530' BGS, or to the top of the Precambrian basement, and completed in the Deadwood and granite wash.

The drilling program for each well will include the addition of a tracer in the drilling mud to enable evaluation of all formation fluid sample quality as well as instructions for conducting deviation checks or surveys at regular intervals throughout the drilling process. Casing and cementing depths are summarized in Table L-1 and Figures M-1 through M-4 and the logging program is presented in Table L-2. Each well will incorporate centralizers on casing and cement with a minimum of 20% excess where applicable as described in the DW No. 1 section below. The nature of the proposed annulus fluid is described at the end of this section.

### Drilling, Casing and Testing Program

The primary objective for DW No. 1 is to drill to basement and conduct formation testing of target injection zones, verify assumed parameters, and confirm the presence and suitability of confining zones. The DW No. 1 will then be plugged back to the top of the Madison and completed as a Minnelusa injection well.

#### DW No. 1

The 13 3/8" conductor casing will be set at approximately 60'. A 12 ¼" surface hole will then be drilled to the top of the Minnelusa at an anticipated depth of 1,615'. The surface casing, 9 5/8-inch, 61 lb/ft, J-55 grade, ST&C, or suitable equivalent will be cemented to surface using Class A cement with additives from the top of the Minnelusa Formation.

An 8 ½" hole will be drilled out of the surface casing through the Minnelusa Formation to near the top of the Madison at a depth of approximately 2,765' (Figure M-1). Openhole testing and logging (Table L-2) will be conducted in the Minnelusa to determine optimum zones for injection in the upper portion of the formation. Fluid sampling using wireline equipment or other methods as dictated by equipment availability and hole conditions will also be conducted to assess formation fluid quality. A tracer will be added to the drilling mud to enable evaluation of the fluid sample quality. In addition, the lower portion of the Minnelusa will be tested to determine the suitability to serve as a confining zone. Once testing procedures have been completed, 7" 20 -26 lb/ft, J-55, ST&C, or suitable equivalent intermediate casing will be run to the base of the Minnelusa at approximately 2,765' and will be cemented to surface based on 20% excess using Class A cement with additives. Additional excess cement, if any, will be pumped based on field conditions. It is anticipated that a float shoe will be used with a float collar one or two joints up from the bottom and that centralizers will be placed a minimum of one every fifth joint.

After the production casing string has been cemented, a cement bond log will be conducted to document cement circulation placement. The cement will be drilled out of the intermediate string and a 6 ¼" hole will be drilled through the Madison, Englewood, Deadwood, and granite wash to TD at approximately 3,195' at the top of the Precambrian basement. Further formation testing, logging, and fluid sampling will be conducted in the Madison and Deadwood Formations to assess formation properties and fluid characteristics and confirm suitability for use of the Deadwood as an injection zone for subsequent wells. Once formation testing is completed, the well will be plugged back to the base of the Minnelusa at approximately 2,765'. Table L-1 presents a summary of drilling, casing, and cementing depths.

During completion operations, the upper portion of the Minnelusa will be perforated. The perforation intervals will likely occur from 1,615' – 2,205', but will ultimately be determined after logging and formation testing. A packer will be set at a depth of approximately 1,535' inside the 7" production string casing. Injection tubing with a diameter of 2 7/8" is proposed for the completion. As appropriate, coated tubing and a coated packer may be used to manage potential corrosion issues. A radioactive tracer survey and a temperature log will then be conducted to establish baseline conditions and initial external mechanical integrity. A pressure transient build up/falloff test will also be conducted to derive estimates of formation pressure and properties (See Response 2.1). The proposed well schematic for DW No. 1 is presented in Figure M-1.

#### DW No. 2

The primary objective for DW No. 2 is to be drilled to basement and is to be completed as an injection well in the Deadwood Formation.

After 13 3/8" conductor casing is set at approximately 60', 12 ¼" surface hole will be drilled through the Minnelusa to the top of the Madison at approximately 2,765'. Following openhole logs, 9 5/8" surface casing will be set and cemented from approximately 2,765' to surface. An 8 ½" bit will be used to drill to an estimated TD of 3,200' at the top of the Precambrian basement. Following logging, formation testing, and fluid sampling, 5 ½" casing will be run and cemented from TD to approximately 2,465', or 300' above the top of the Madison. The well would be completed in the Deadwood and granite wash. Proposed drilling, casing, and cementing depths are summarized in Table L-1. A proposed well schematic including completion details for DW No. 2 is presented in Figure M-2.

#### DW No. 3

The primary objective for DW No. 3 is to be drilled through part of the Minnelusa and is to be

completed as an injection well in the porous zones in the upper portion of that formation.

Conductor casing (13 3/8") will be set at approximately 60'. A 12 1/4" bit will then be used to drill to an estimated depth of 800', or approximately 40' below the base of the Inyan Kara. Following logging and running/cementing 9 5/8" surface casing, a 8 1/2" hole will be drilled from the surface casing to TD (approximately 2740' in the base of the Minnelusa). After logging, 5 1/2" casing will be run and cemented from TD to surface. Proposed drilling, casing, and cementing depths are summarized in Table L-1. A proposed well schematic including completion details for DW No. 3 is presented in Figure M-3.

#### DW No. 4

The primary objective for DW No. 4 is to be drilled to basement and is to be completed as an injection well in the Deadwood Formation.

After 13 3/8" conductor casing is set at approximately 60', 12 1/4" surface hole will be drilled through the Minnelusa to the top of the Madison at approximately 3,100'. Following openhole logs, 9 5/8" surface casing will be set and cemented from approximately 3,100 to surface. An 8 1/2" bit will be used to drill to an estimated TD of 3,530' at the top of the Precambrian basement. Following logging, formation testing, and fluid sampling, 5 1/2" casing will be run and cemented from TD to approximately 2,800', or approximately 300' above the top of the Madison. The well would be completed in the Deadwood and granite wash. Proposed drilling, casing, and cementing depths are summarized in Table L-1. A proposed well schematic including completion details for DW No. 4 is presented in Figure M-4.

Additional wells will be constructed, logged, and tested as described above.

#### **Nature of Annulus Fluid**

In the proposed Dewey-Burdock wells, the annulus space between the injection tubing and the well protection casing will be sealed and filled with fresh water containing a corrosion inhibitor, an oxygen scavenger and a biocide, as needed. Annulus fluids will include Baker Petrolite CRW0037F or Unichem Technihib 366W corrosion inhibitors and bactericides, CRW 132 oxygen scavenger, A-303 corrosion inhibitor, Knockout 50 oxygen scavenger, and Bacban 3 Biocides or suitable equivalents. No permit conditions regarding specific brands or fluid additives are requested or required.

**TABLE L-1 Subsurface Well Construction Details**

	Site 1		Site 2	
	DW No. 1	DW No. 2	DW No. 3	DW No. 4
Conductor (in)	13 3/8	13 3/8	13 3/8	13 3/8
Depth (ft)	60	60	60	60
Surface Hole (in)	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4
Depth (ft)	1615	2765	800	3100
Surface Casing (in)	9 5/8	9 5/8	9 5/8	9 5/8
Cement Interval (ft)	0-1615	0-2765	0-800	0-3100
Production Hole (in)	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Depth (ft)	2765	3195	2740	3530
Production Casing (in)	7	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Cement Interval (ft)	0-2765	2465-3195	0-2740	2800-3530
Open Hole (ft)	6 1/4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total Depth (ft)	3195	3195	2740	3530
PBTD (ft)	2765	n/a	n/a	n/a
Injection Interval	Minnelusa	Deadwood	Minnelusa	Deadwood

**TABLE L-2 List of Proposed Logs for Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells**

Description	Depth Run at DW No. 1 (ft, BGS)	Depth Run at DW No. 2 (ft, BGS)	Depth Run at DW No. 3 (ft, BGS)	Depth Run at DW No. 4 (ft, BGS)
Dual Induction Laterolog Gamma Ray, BHC Sonic, Formation Density, and Caliper Logs (openhole before production casing)	0-1,615	0-2,765	0-2,740	0-3,100
Cement Bond Log (Surface casing)	0-1,615	0-2,765	0-2,740	0-3,100
Dual Induction Laterolog, SP, Gamma Ray, BHC Sonic, Formation Density, Compensated Neutron, and Caliper Log (openhole before production casing)	1615-3195	2765-3195	0-2740	3100-3530
If required, Fracture Finder ID Log (openhole before production casing)	1615-3195	2765-3195	0-2740	3100-3530
Cement Bond Log and Casing Inspection Log (production casing)	0-2765	0-3195	0-2740	0-3530
Temperature Log	0-2765	surf-TD	surf-TD	surf-TD
Radioactive Tracer Log*	Production casing	Production casing	Production casing	Production casing
Pressure/Temperature Gradient and Pressure Transient Falloff test	Injection Intervals	Injection Intervals	Injection Intervals	Injection Intervals

Note: all depths are estimated based on area type logs  
 \* RAT run in and approximately 500' above injection zone

## **2.M CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

*Submit schematic or other appropriate drawings of the surface and subsurface construction details of the well.*

### **RESPONSE**

Figure M-1 presents a schematic of the proposed subsurface construction details of Dewey-Burdock Disposal Well No. 1 (DW No. 1) to be completed in the Minnelusa Formation. Figure M-2 presents the proposed construction of DW No. 2 to be completed in the Deadwood and granite wash. Figure M-3 presents the proposed construction of DW No. 3 to be completed in the Minnelusa Formation. Figure M-4 presents the proposed construction of DW No. 4 to be completed in the Deadwood and granite wash. Figures M-5 and K-1 present details regarding the wellhead and the surface facilities associated with the wells.

#### **Subsurface Well Construction Details**

The proposed DW No. 1 will likely be drilled, tested and completed during the year 2011. Drilling of subsequent wells has not been scheduled, but will likely occur in 2011 and following years. Details regarding proposed well construction are presented in Response 2.L.

#### **Surface Well Construction Details**

Each proposed wellhead will consist of a standard 7" SOW x 11" 3M or 5 1/2" SOW x 7 1/16" 3M casing head or suitable equivalent. The wellhead will include a landing joint with a 2 7/8" slips and pack-off which will act as the upper seal to the 7" x 2 7/8" annulus. There will be two 2" flanged outlets with ball valves or suitable equivalents for access to the annulus. One outlet is to be connected to the annulus fluid system, and the second is to be accessible for annulus fluid sampling and annulus pressure tests. Figure M-5 is a diagram of the proposed wellhead assembly.

#### **Annulus Monitoring System**

The proposed annulus monitoring system will consist of an annulus fluid tank with a level indicator or site glass, pressure transducers and gauges, a nitrogen regulator and a nitrogen supply cylinder. The systems will be installed on the wellhead, in the wellhouse building, or in the adjacent facilities building.

1. In addition to the annulus pressure operating and monitoring requirements, an interlock system will be installed to prevent the well from being operated if permit conditions are exceeded or if unsafe conditions exist. Several operating systems will have preset limits, which can be adjusted depending upon specific conditions.

Annulus pressure in this system will be maintained with a nitrogen blanket supplied from pressurized nitrogen cylinders. In the event of power failure, positive pressure can still be maintained on the annulus.

A data acquisition system will be used to monitor injection rate, injection pressure, annulus pressure and simultaneous differential pressure. Maximum, minimum and average values for each of the four parameters along with total volume will be recorded at least once every fifteen minutes. Pressure transducers located near the wellhead and downstream of any pumping devices will be used to measure pressures. Flow rate is to be measured utilizing an inline turbine meter and totalizer or equivalent. In the case of a manned operation, well operators will be required to visually

inspect the recorder and computer on a weekly basis when injection occurs to verify proper operation. The annulus tank level and any annulus fluid added to the system will be recorded by the well operators.

A backup power source (battery) will be used to ensure continuous collection of operating and well alarm data for up a minimum of 30 minutes should power failure occur. In the event that a power failure persists past the ability of the battery systems to allow power, the well will be shut-in, and upon discovery of the shut-in readings will be recorded a minimum of once every day until power is restored to the monitoring equipment.

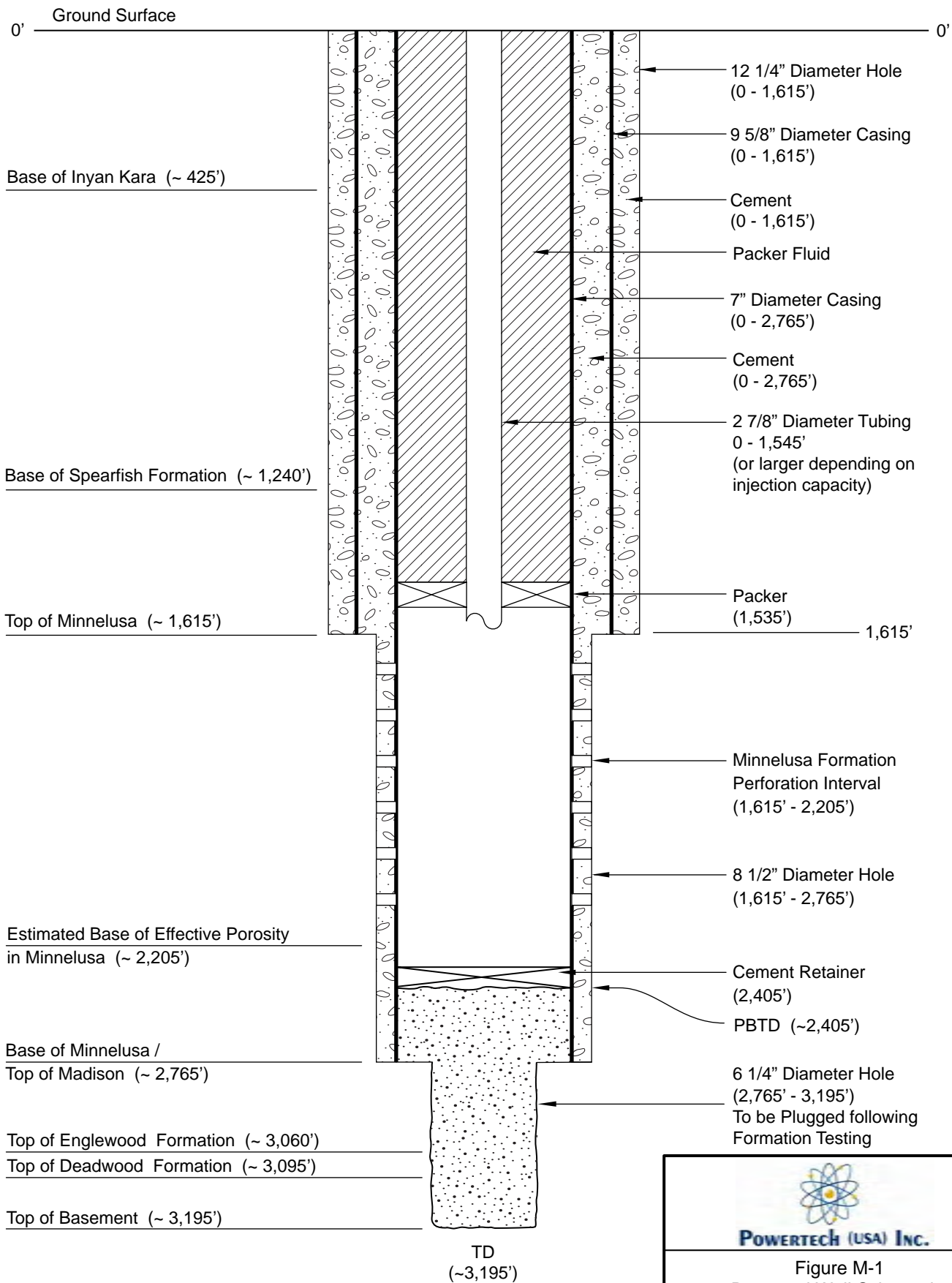
The annulus tank will have sufficient reservoir capacity to accommodate double the anticipated volume fluctuations due to temperature and pressure limitations. Pressure will be maintained through the use of high-pressure nitrogen cylinders. The cylinders will be replaced and recharged as required. The annulus tank is to be equipped with a level indicator or a full length armored reflex sight glass, a pressure relief valve, and an independent liquid fill nozzle.

In the event that any of the permit conditions are exceeded, including injection pressure or differential pressure a visual alarm light will be illuminated at the well building. In addition, the computerized data acquisition system will be coupled to a telephone autodialer that will send a page to the operator to ensure that the condition is communicated. Upon an alarm condition, injection will be stopped by the operator until the problem is identified, corrected, and the system manually restarted.


### **Mechanical Integrity**

Part I and Part II mechanical integrity demonstrations will be conducted as discussed in Response 2.L and 2.P of this document.






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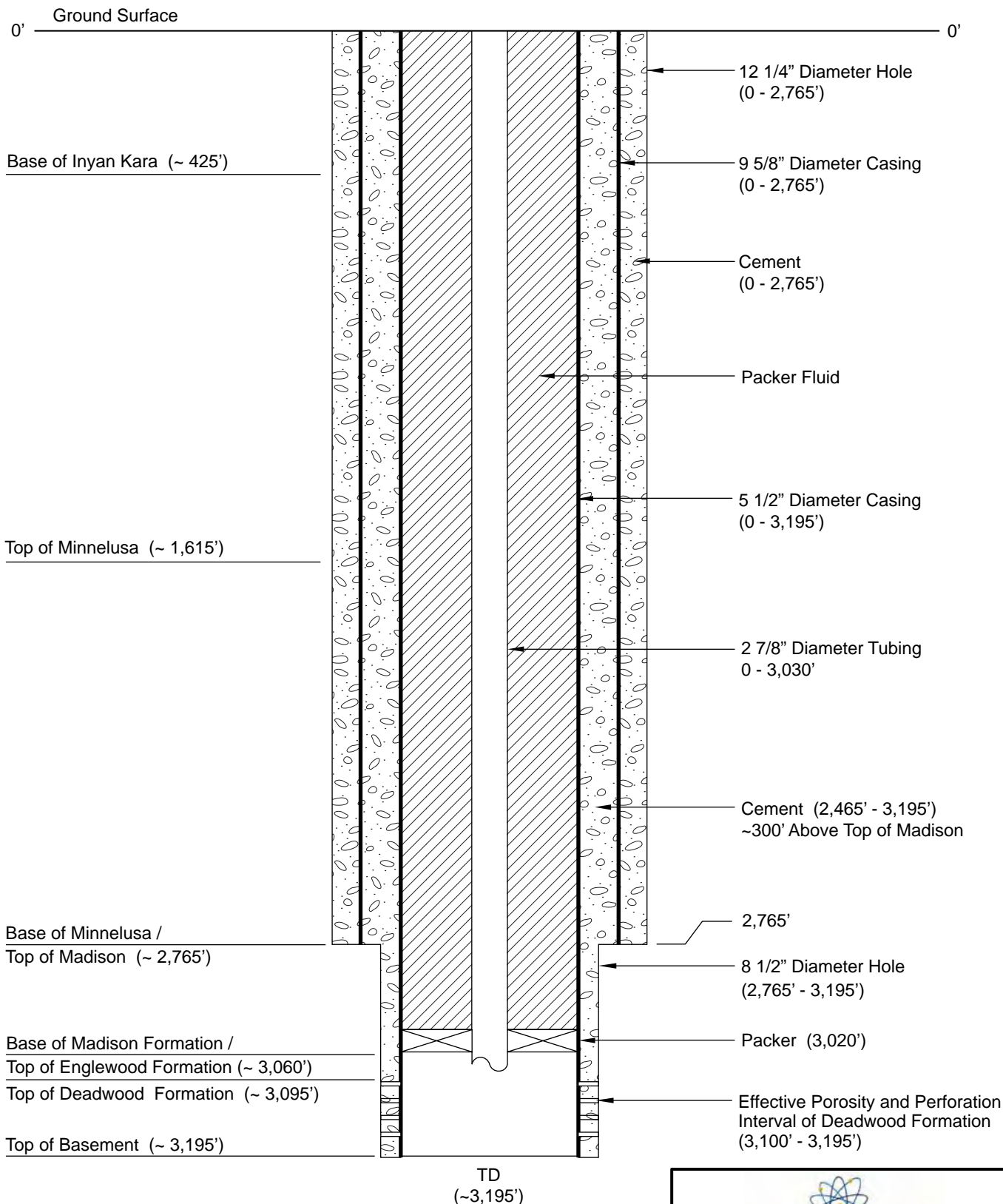
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**Figure M-1**  
**Proposed Well Schematic,**  
**DW No.1 - Test, Minnelusa Completion**  
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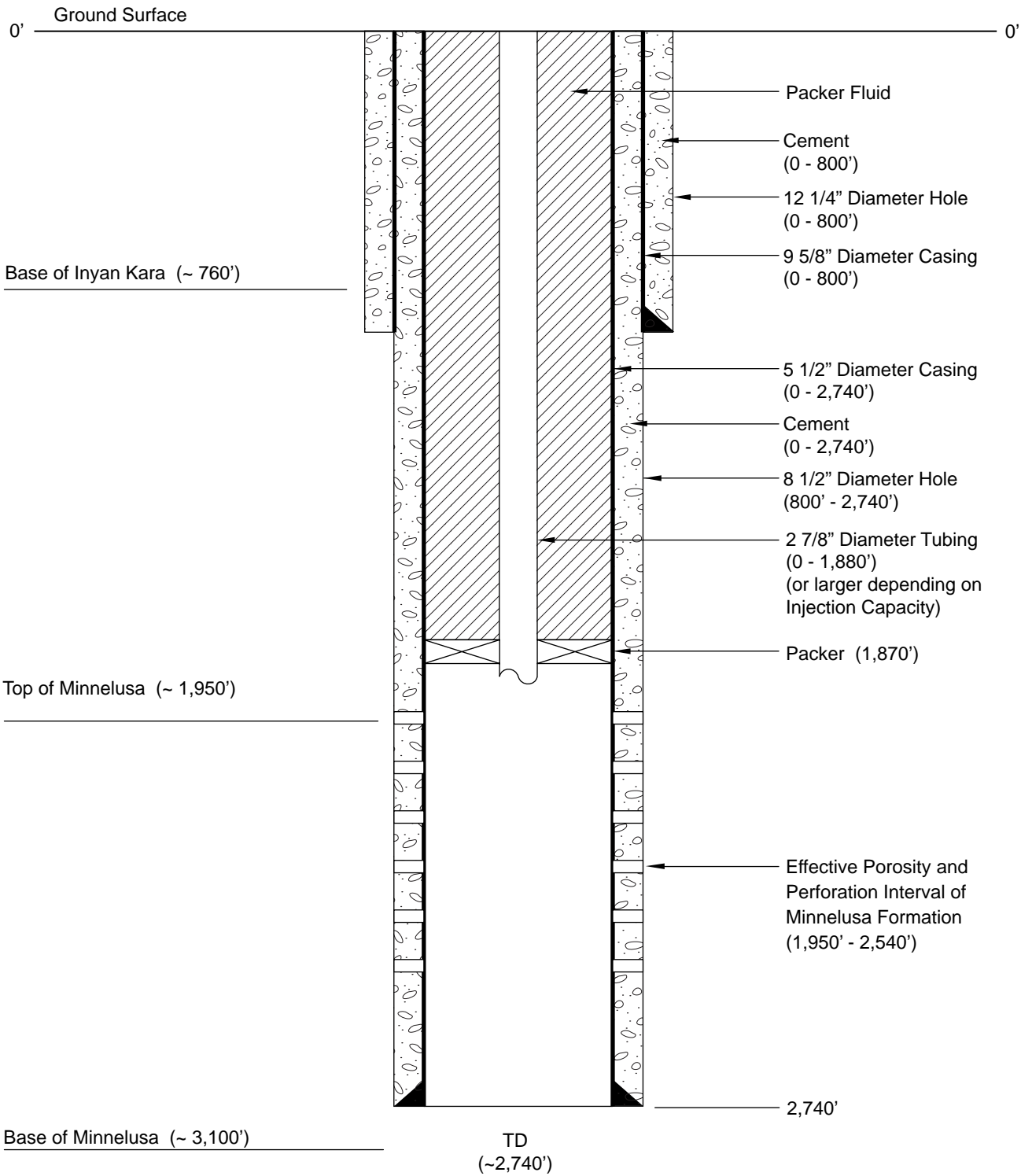
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Figure M-2  
Proposed Well Schematic,  
DW No.2 - Deadwood Completion  
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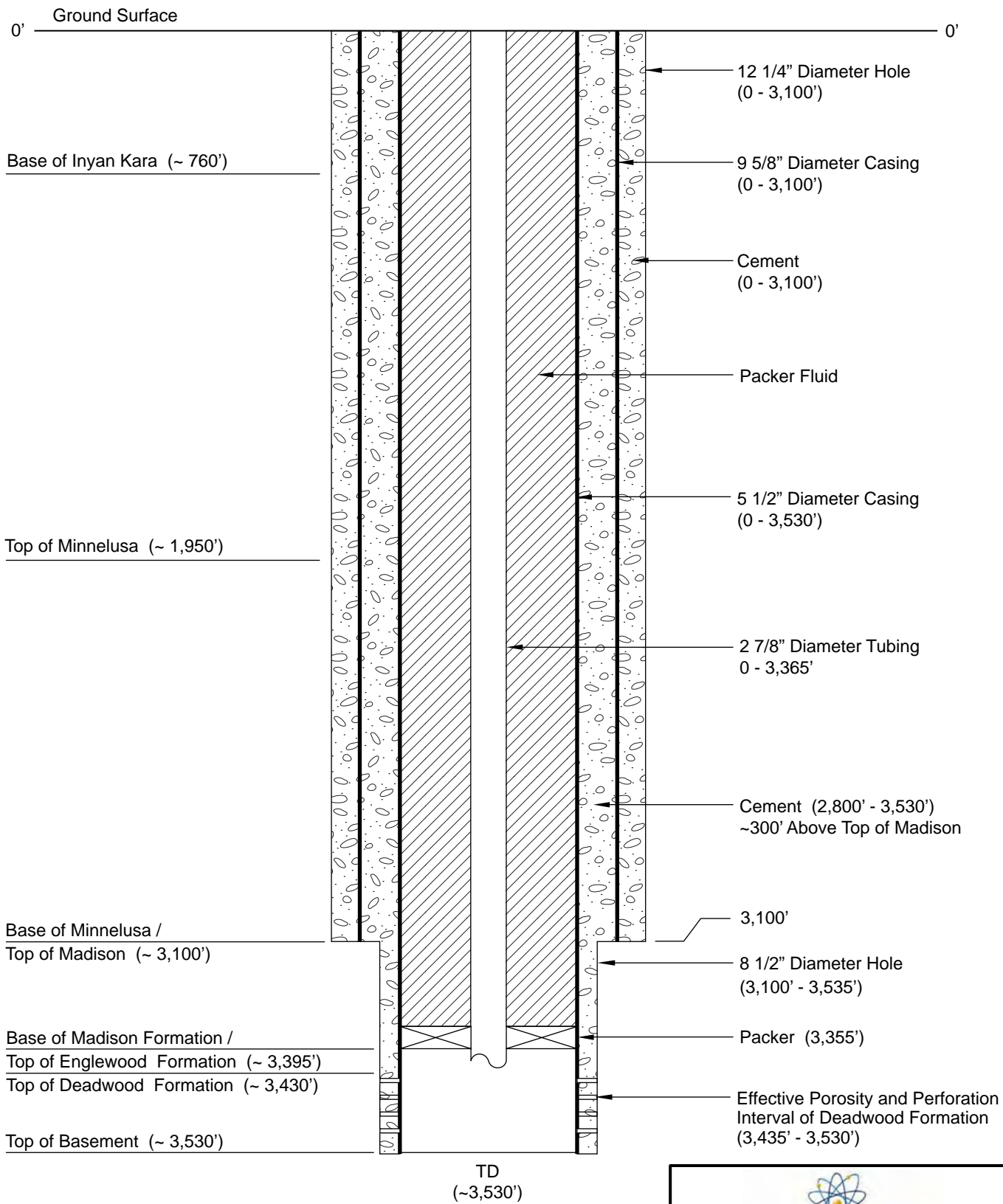
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Figure M-3  
Proposed Well Schematic,  
DW No.3 - Minnelusa Completion  
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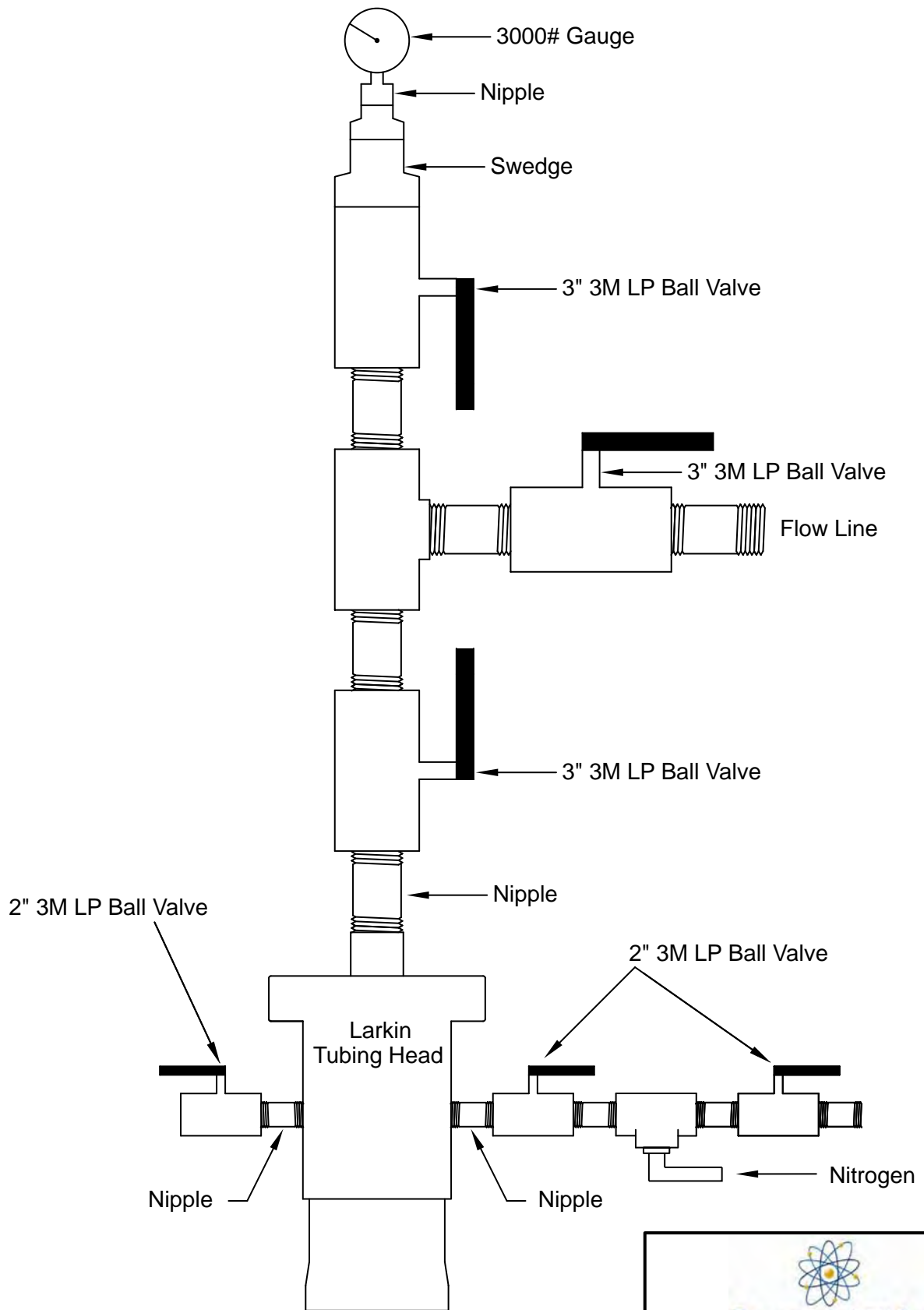
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**Figure M-4**  
**Proposed Well Schematic,**  
**DW No.4 - Deadwood Completion**  
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Figure M-5  
 Preliminary Wellhead Schematic  
 Dewey Burdock Disposal Wells  
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## **2.N CHANGES IN INJECTED FLUID**

For Class III wells (Not Applicable to this Application)

## 2.0 PLANS FOR WELL FAILURES

*Outline contingency plans (proposed plans, if any, for Class II) to cope with all shut-ins or well failures, so as to prevent migration of fluids into any USDW.*

### RESPONSE

The proposed Powertech Dewey–Burdock Disposal Wells will be operated from limited tank storage at common Class I well operating pressures. The following summarizes the plan to address failure of any well to protect the surface environment and prevent migration of injected fluids into any USDW:

**Powertech (USA), Inc  
Dewey-Burdock Project, South Dakota  
Proposed Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells Contingency Plan**

1. Monitoring and periodic routine investigative procedures will be performed on the injection wells as required by applicable laws, permits and regulations. Pertinent data will be reviewed regularly by qualified operators and forwarded to the agencies as required. Monitoring and testing will be designed to assure well integrity and safe operation.
2. If a well fails required continuous monitoring or periodic testing standards, the well will be shut-in and the agency notified according to applicable regulations and permit conditions. After investigation into the cause for the failure, work plans will be prepared and reviewed with the regulators for repairing the problem.
3. If a workover is performed on a well, mechanical integrity testing will be conducted as required by applicable regulations before the well is returned to service. Copies of all work reports and logs will be forwarded to the regulatory agencies per applicable requirements.
4. During the period of time required for a well workover or for shut-ins due to MIT failure, the contingency plans of the facility will include the following:
  - a. If shut-in period is sufficiently brief, the fluids accumulated during this period of time will be routed to another well or held in storage at the facility.
  - b. If required due to length of shut-in and multiple well failures, mining operations will be altered to reduce wastewater disposal requirements and/or alternate offsite disposal will be arranged.

Should the mode of failure be beyond the limits of economic feasibility to repair, the guidelines for plugging and abandonment in Attachment Q will be followed.

## **2.P MONITORING PROGRAM**

*Discuss the planned monitoring program. This should be thorough, including maps showing the number and location of monitoring wells as appropriate and discussion of monitoring devices, sampling frequency, and parameters measured. If a manifold monitoring program is utilized, pursuant to §146.23(b)(5), describe the program and compare it to individual well monitoring.*

### **RESPONSE**

The monitoring program proposed for injection operations at this site focuses on the active injection wells themselves. No monitoring program specifically focused on the investigation of injectate containment via dedicated monitor wells is warranted, based on site-specific conditions nor is one proposed. A variety of data will be collected to monitor the injection well operations. This monitoring will take place through utilizing both periodic and continuous techniques.

### **Mechanical Integrity and Periodic Testing**

Periodic monitoring is to be performed to conform to both Part I and Part II mechanical integrity requirements. Annual testing including reservoir monitoring and annulus pressure testing will be conducted once each calendar year in addition to Part II testing which will be performed once each fifth calendar year and will include one of the following logs (temperature, noise, RAT, or oxygen activation) per applicable non-hazardous well regulations. Casing inspection logs may be conducted to investigate corrosion if it is determined to be necessary due to operational or regulatory concerns when tubing is already removed from the borehole during a workover or stimulation.

Annual Part I mechanical integrity testing for the Dewey-Burdock wells will include reservoir monitoring as specified in 40 CFR 146.13 (d) in addition to static or dynamic annulus pressure testing. Although test procedures or methods may be changed based on request of the permittee and approval by Region 8 USEPA staff, the following procedure is expected to be typical for such monitoring. Powertech will provide the agency with a minimum of 30 days notice of annual testing (when practical) to allow the agency to witness testing. Such notice is to include proposed procedures for testing.

1. Conduct Well Site Safety Meeting
  - A. Prior to commencement of field activities, conduct safety meeting with contractors and personnel to be involved with field services and MIT testing. Ensure that all safety procedures are understood and review days work activities.
2. Conduct Reservoir (Fall-Off or Static) Pressure Test
  - A. For fall-off, record data regarding test well injection at typical operating conditions (constant rate). Rate, temperature and fluid consistency will be recorded during the injection period. Cumulative volume injected will also be recorded. Continue injection for a minimum of approximately 2-6 hours. Note that significant rate variations may yield poor quality data or require more complicated analysis techniques.
  - B. Rig-up pressure gauge and run in well to a depth approved by USEPA consistent with historical measurements.



- C. For pressure transient fall-off, obtain final stabilized injection pressure for a minimum of 1 hour. Ensure that the gauge temperature readings have also stabilized.
  - D. After gauge recordings are stable, cease injection and monitor pressure fall-off. Continue monitoring pressure for a minimum of 6 hours or until a valid observation of fall-off curve is observed. For static survey, the well will be shut-in for a minimum of 24 hours before testing. Static data will be collected by using downhole gauges at an approved depth consistent with past measurements as approved by USEPA.
  - E. Stop test data acquisition, rig-down and release equipment.
3. Annulus Pressure Test
- A. Stabilize well pressure and temperature.
  - B. As practical, arrangements will be made for a representative from the USEPA to be present to witness this testing.
  - C. Pressurize annulus to a minimum 100 psi with liquid and shut-in valve. Install certified gauge on "bleed" type valve. The annulus may need to be pressurized and bled off several times to ensure an absence of air. Monitor and record pressure for one hour. Pressure may not fluctuate more than 10 percent during the one-hour test. At the conclusion of the test, lower the annulus pressure to normal operating pressure.

Part II (5 year) mechanical integrity demonstration for the well will be accomplished via an approved test method(s) such as temperature log, or noise log, or oxygen activation log. Powertech (USA), Inc. will provide the agency with a notice of Part II testing to allow the agency to witness data collection activities. Although Powertech may utilize any acceptable method per USEPA Region 8 procedure approval, at this time it is proposed that temperature logging be utilized for future Part II mechanical integrity testing. Differential temperature logging to be conducted as follows:

- 1. Conduct Differential Temperature Log.
  - A. Shut-in well for stabilization (minimum of 24 hours) prior to running base temperature log.
  - B. Rig-up temperature log and run base log from approximately 500' above the injection zone to total depth. Pull tool to surface and shut-in master valve.
  - C. Rig down equipment and return the well to normal operations.

### **Continuous and Operational Monitoring**

The proposed wells will have one long string protective casing extending into the injection interval with cement isolating all permeable intervals. As previously noted in this document, the annulus area between the protective casings and injection tubing string is to be filled with treated fresh water. The annulus pressure is to be continually monitored to detect any leaks in the tubing or casing. If leaks develop during injection, pressurized annulus fluid would be injected into the permitted injection interval, and injected fluids would not be able to contact the production string

casing above the permitted injection zone. Injectate should therefore have no potential for leakage into un-permitted formations. Details regarding the proposed system components are provided in Attachments L and M of this document.

Monitoring of physical parameters associated with injection operations will be conducted pursuant to 40.CFR.146 regulations. At a minimum the monitoring will include, injection pressure, annulus pressure, injection rate, injection volume, annulus level, and injectate characteristics. Details regarding this monitoring follow. Automatic shutdown capability as specified in Attachment K of this document will be operated to ensure that maximum pressure or minimum annulus differential requirements are not exceeded.

### **Annulus and Injection Pressure**

Both the injection pressure and the annulus pressure are to be recorded continuously for each well. Electronic pressure transducers will be placed in pressure taps on the annulus system and injection flow lines. A signal will be sent from these transducers to a digital recorder and/or a chart recorder. The automated control system data will be visually inspected a minimum of once daily for anomalies when the well is operating. As part of the process and controls, the monitoring system will record maximum, minimum and average information. Differential pressures are to be obtained by comparison of simultaneous readings of the annulus and injection pressure transducer readings obtained for the wells.

### **Injection Rate and Volume**

The flow rate to each well will be determined by a liquid flow meter designed for continuous monitoring. Flow rate is to be measured in the flow line to each well. The instrument will send signals to the process control system that calculates cumulative volume. Powertech reserves the right to substitute equivalent or superior equipment to fulfill these data measurement functions at any time.

### **Annulus Tank Levels**

The annulus tank in each well system will have sufficient reservoir capacity to accommodate the anticipated volume fluctuations due to operating temperature and pressure limitations. The annulus tank is to be equipped with an armored reflex sight glass, pressure relief valve and independent liquid fill nozzle. If any annulus fluid is added, it will be recorded by the well operators on an operator log sheet. Annulus tank level is to be recorded a minimum of weekly when injection occurs.

### **Waste Characterization and Analysis**

Injectate characteristics will be monitored by collecting samples per the approved waste analysis plan entered as part of the administrative record for this permit. The waste analysis to be conducted is intended to provide representative data regarding average injectate chemical constituents.

## 2.Q PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT PLAN

*Submit a plan for plugging and abandonment of the well Including (1) describe the type, number, and placement (including the elevation of the top and bottom) of plugs to be used; (2) describe the type, grade, and quantity of cement to be used; and (3) describe the method to be used to place plugs, including the method used to place the well in a state of static equilibrium prior to placement of the plugs. Also, for a Class III well that underlies or is in an exempted aquifer, demonstrate adequate protection of USDWs. Submit this information on USEPA Form 7520-14, Plugging and Abandonment Plan.*

### RESPONSE

The following completed copies of US EPA Form 7520-14 and Plugging and Abandonment Plan, are submitted to satisfy this requirement. The modifications made to this form are to provide consistency with all available and current information. Costs based on recent third party estimates which are associated with the plugging and abandonment of the wells per the following procedures are presented in the completed plugging forms, Table Q-1, and in Response 2.R of this document.

The following is the proposed plan for plugging and abandonment of the proposed Powertech non-hazardous Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells. Note that cement volume is based on the well with the largest casing capacity (DW No. 1) and would be less than stated herein for DW Nos. 2, 3, 4, and additional disposal wells. Plugging assumes filling casing with cement from top to bottom.

1. Install a test gauge on the annulus to perform a static pressure test. Ensure that the annulus is fluid filled and that the well has been shut-in for a minimum of 24 hours. Pressurize annulus to approximately 500 psig and isolate from the annulus system. Monitor annular pressure for one hour. The test will be successful if the pressure change is less than 10 percent of the starting pressure.
2. Prepare well and location for plugging. Remove wellhouse, well monitoring equipment and wellhead injection piping.
3. Move in and rig-up workover rig, mud pump, circulating pit and pipe racks as necessary. Flush well with approximately 100 bbl of brine.
4. Remove wellhead and release slips.
5. Release injection packer. Displace annular fluid from well into injection formation by flushing with approximately 100 bbl of brine.
6. Pull and lay down the injection tubing and packer.
7. Pump approximately 384 sacks (calculated for disposal well with largest casing capacity) of Class A cement with 4 percent bentonite (14.1 ppg, 1.55 cf/sx yield) into cased hole in 2 – 3 stages from the bottom up.
8. Cut off wellhead approximately 3' BGL and weld cap with permanent marker on casing.
9. Rig down and move out pulling unit and equipment.
10. Submit required plugging records to USEPA and SD DENR

### **Post-Closure Care Requirements**

Powertech will provide notification of closure for the Class V wells to USEPA, Region 8, the SD DENR and the local zoning authorities. Included with the notification will be information regarding the nature of the historic injected waste stream, identification of the depths of the injection and confining zones, well schematics and plugging records. Powertech will retain, for a period of three years following the Class V well closure, records reflecting the nature, composition and volume of all injected fluids. Upon request of the director of USEPA, Region 8, Powertech will then deliver the records to the director at the conclusion of the retention period, or dispose of such records.

**FORM 7520-14**

**PROPOSED WELL PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT**



United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC 20460

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LIST ALL OPEN HOLE AND/OR PERFORATED INTERVALS AND INTERVALS WHERE CASING WILL BE VARIED (if any)			
From	To	From	To
Perforated Interval: 1615'	2205'		

**Estimated Cost to Plug Wells**  
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**TABLE Q-1 Estimated Plugging Cost for Dewey-Burdock Disposal Wells**

<b>FIELD OPERATIONS</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Units Req'd.</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<i>Subcontractors - Direct bill to Powetech</i>			
Mob/demob & Location Preparation	\$6,000	1	\$6,000
Workover Rig and Associated Equipment (days)	\$5,000	4	\$20,000
Rental Tools (days)	\$2,500	4	\$10,000
Rental Tubing Inspection	\$6,000	1	\$6,000
Falloff Test	\$6,500	1	\$6,500
RAT Log	\$4,500	1	\$4,500
Trucking	\$4,000	1	\$4,000
Contract Labor	\$2,000	2	\$4,000
Cement (384 sx), pumping & equipment	\$9,600	1	\$9,600
Contingency	\$8,000	1	\$8,000
<i>Total Estimated Subcontractor Charges</i>			<b>\$78,600</b>
Test Design and Project Management (hours)	\$115	24	\$2,760
Supervision (days)	\$850	5	\$4,250
Travel (hours)	\$115	8	\$920
Field Truck and Fuel (days)	\$150	6	\$900
Per Diem (days)	\$100	6	\$600
Data Analysis (lump sum)	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Report Preparation (hours)	\$115	24	\$2,760
<i>Total Estimated Petrotek Charges</i>			<b>\$14,190</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST PER WELL</b>			<b>\$92,790</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR FOUR WELLS</b>			<b>\$371,160</b>
<i>Assumptions:</i>			
P&A costs are for well with largest casing capacity (DW No. 1); other P&A costs would be lower			
Subcontractors will bill Powertech directly - otherwise a 12.5% markup will apply.			
Field activities can be completed in 5 days; otherwise T&M rates will apply.			
Falloff test is required if > 6 months since last test; RAT log required if > 2 years since last log.			
The well is cemented from bottom to top in 2 - 3 stages.			
Powertech will be responsible for disposal of all well equipment.			

## **2.R NECESSARY RESOURCES**

*Submit evidence such as a surety bond or financial statement to verify that the resources necessary to close, plug, or abandon the well is available.*

### **RESPONSE**

Powertech will provide a surety instrument equal to the estimated cost for plugging and abandonment of the proposed disposal wells as a condition prior to the commencement of construction. A detailed plugging and abandonment estimate is presented as Table Q-1. The annual updates of Powertech's financial surety estimate will be reviewed and approved by both the USEPA and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission once a license is issued.

With respect to continued demonstration of financial assurance, the surety instrument will be maintained as required by applicable regulations. Within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the permittee will obtain verification that the amount used for financial assurance is sufficient to address updated plugging and abandonment costs and will submit updated financial assurance information if the cost of plugging and abandonment has exceeded the existing financial assurance. In such an event, the information submitted to the Director will consist of a letter from the permittee regarding the change in the financial assurance requirements, verification from the appropriate financial institution regarding the increased financial assurance and a copy of the independent geologist or engineering estimate of the updated plugging and abandonment costs.

## **2.S AQUIFER EXEMPTIONS**

*If an aquifer exemption is requested, submit data necessary to demonstrate that the aquifer meets the following criteria: (1) does not serve as a source of drinking water; (2) cannot now, and will not in the future, serve as a source of drinking water; and (3) the TDS content of the ground water is more than 3,000 and less than 10,000 mg/l and is not reasonably expected to supply a public water system. Data to demonstrate that the aquifer is expected to be mineral or hydrocarbon producing, such as general description of the mining zone, analysis of the amenability of the mining zone to the proposed method, and time table for proposed development must also be included. For additional information on aquifer exemptions, see 40 CFR 144.7 and 146.04.*

### **RESPONSE**

Based on available information at this time, no aquifer exemption is requested for the injection zones at this site. All formations of the injection zone are expected to contain brines with TDS concentrations in excess of 10,000 mg/l. As discussed in Response 2.L, laboratory analyses of fluid samples taken from the Minnelusa and Deadwood Formations will be submitted as part of the completion reports for these wells.

## **2.T EXISTING EPA PERMITS**

*List program and permit number of any existing EPA permits, for example. NPDES, PSD, RCRA, etc.*

### **RESPONSE**

Powertech (USA) Inc. currently retains no permits for the South Dakota facility. As facility construction is pursued, applicable permits will be obtained as necessary.

**2.U DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

*Give a brief description of the nature of the business.*

**RESPONSE**

This UIC Permit application is being submitted by Powertech (USA) Inc., a South Dakota Corporation and a USA subsidiary of the Canadian parent company, Powertech Uranium Corporation. Powertech Uranium Corp. is a mineral exploration and development company that, through its Denver-based subsidiary, Powertech (USA) Inc., holds the Dewey-Burdock uranium deposit in South Dakota, the Centennial Project in Colorado and the Dewey Terrace and Aladdin projects in Wyoming. The company’s key personnel have over 200 years of combined experience in the uranium industry throughout the United States, and have permitted more than a dozen *in situ* recovery operations in the United States for production. For more information, refer to the Powertech website at <http://www.powertechuranium.com>.

The corporate office is located in Vancouver, British Columbia and the United States headquarters office is located in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Powertech maintains an exploration office in Hot Springs, South Dakota and operations offices in Wellington, Colorado and Edgemont, South Dakota (addresses shown below). Powertech is a publicly traded company on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) as PWE and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as P8A.

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## PERMIT APPLICATION APPENDICES

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**APPENDIX A**  
**DENR LETTER**



**APPENDIX B**  
**OIL AND GAS WELLS PLUGGING RECORDS**

**ORIGINAL WELL CONSTRUCTION DURING OPERATION**

API No. 4004705095  
2-7S-1E

Surface

Surface Casing  
8 5/8", 24#, set @  
142' with 60 sx

Total Depth  
2447'

Perforations  
None (DH)

Hole Size  
11" (to 145') &  
7 7/8" 145'-TD

**PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT CONSTRUCTION**

Surface

10 sx @ Surface

25 sx @ 90'-165'

25 sx @ 325'-400'  
(Lakota/Morrison)

25 sx @ 525'-600'  
(Morrison)

25 sx 1575'-1650'  
(Opeche/Minnelusa)

25 sx 2360' - 2435'  
(Minnelusa)

Feet of cement from Plugging Report  
Mud wt. Unknown

Surface Casing  
8 5/8", 24#, set @  
142' with 60 sx

Balance of hole  
filled with gel-based  
drilling mud

Total Depth  
2447'

**PLUGGING RECORD**

Operator <u>George Dolzal, Jr.</u>		Address <u>1121 Tower Building, Denver, Colorado</u>		
Name of Lease <u>Carl Arrow</u>		Well No. <u>1</u>	Field & Reservoir <u>Wildcat</u>	
Location of Well <u>Q - 2nd 3rd Section 2 - 73-214</u>		Sec-Twp-Rge or Block & Survey		County <u>Fall River</u>
Application to drill this well was filed in name of <u>George Dolzal, Jr.</u>	Has this well ever produced oil or gas <u>No</u>	Character of well at completion (initial production): Oil (bbls/day) _____ Gas (MCF/day) _____ Dry? <u>Y</u>		
Date plugged: <u>August 19, 1965</u>	Total depth <u>2,447'</u>	Amount well producing when plugged: Oil (bbls/day) _____ Gas (MCF/day) _____ Water (bbls/day) <u>None</u>		
Name of each formation containing oil or gas. Indicate which formation open to wellbore at time of plugging	Fluid content of each formation	Depth interval of each formation	Size, kind & depth of plugs used indicate zones squeeze cemented, giving amount cement.	

**CASING RECORD**

Size pipe	Put in well (ft.)	Pulled out (ft.)	Left in well (ft.)	Give depth and method of parting casing (shot, ripped etc)	Packers and shoes
<u>8-5/8"</u>	<u>142'</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>142'</u>		

Was well filled with mud-laden fluid, according to regulations? Yes Indicate deepest formation containing fresh water.

In addition to other information required on this form, if this well was plugged back for use as a fresh water well, give all pertinent details of plugging operations to base of fresh water sand, perforated interval to fresh water sand, name and address of surface owner, and attach letter from surface owner authorizing completion of this well as a water well and agreeing to assume full liability for any subsequent plugging which might be required.

**USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAIL**

Executed this the 19th day of August, 1965  
 State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Affiant: George Dolzal, Jr.  
 Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared George Dolzal, Jr. known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, who being by me duly sworn on oath states, that he is duly authorized to make the above report and that he has knowledge of the facts stated therein, and that said report is true and correct.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of August, 1965  
 SEAL My Commission expires May 26, 1968  
 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public in and for State of Colorado  
 County, State of Colorado

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE  
 Approved March 12, 1965 Date  
 OIL AND GAS BOARD OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
Albert Larson, Secretary

See Instructions On Reverse Side

Approved for release of bond  
 Date March 9, 1965  
Dennis M. Keegan  
 State Geologist

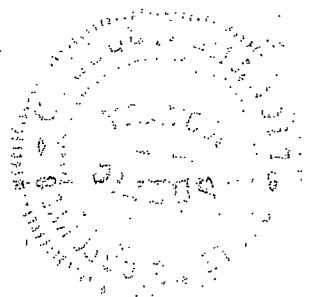
INSTRUCTIONS

File 3 copies of this form with Secretary, Oil and Gas Board, Pierre.

Cement Plug Set As Follows:

25 sacks	-	*	2135'	to	2250'
25 sacks	-	*	1690'	to	1575'
25 sacks	-	*	500'	to	325'
25 sacks	-	*	400'	to	325'
25 sacks	-	*	165'	to	90'

Dry hole Marker and 10 sacks at surface.  
Balance of hole filled with gel-base drilling mud.



1.

SUMMARY OF WELL DATA

Operator: George Dolezal Jr., Sun Oil Co., etal.

Lease: No. 1 Earl Darrow

Location: C SE SE Section 2, T. 7S. R. 1E.  
660' FSL 660' FEL  
Fall River County, South Dakota.

Elevation: Ground 3792'  
K. B. 3797'

Contractor: Baker Drilling Company  
Rig No. 3 - Sullivan draw works  
Tool Pusher: Jim Baker  
Drillers: Don Garhart  
Ed Buchannan

Spud Date: July 24, 1964

Completion Date: August 19, 1964

Casing: 140' 8-5/8" used. 24# @ 142' ground  
with 60 sacks of regular cement.

Hole Size: 11" cable tool hole to 145'  
7-7/8" from 145' to total depth.

Mud: Mo-Mar Mud Company  
Casper, Wyoming  
J. M. Bunce Engineer  
Gel base

Logging: Drilling time: From surface casing  
to total depth (Geolograph)

Schlumberger: Dual Induction-Laterlog  
147' to 2442'

Schlumberger: Sonic Log-Gamma Ray  
147' to 2441'

Samples: 10-foot samples 140 - 2100 feet  
5-foot samples 2100 - 2250 feet  
10-foot samples 2250 - 2450 feet

Samples on file at AmStrat in Denver.

Geology: Well site geology by S. D. Ayres

Lost Circulation: Lost minor amounts of mud from 1630'  
to total depth.

SUMMARY OF WELL DATA (continued)

Total Depth: 2450' - Driller  
2446' - Schlumberger

Status: Plugged and Abandoned

Plugs: 2435' to 2360' - 25 sacks  
1650' to 1575' - 25 sacks  
600' to 525' - 25 sacks  
400' to 325' - 25 sacks  
165' to 90' - 25 sacks  
Dry-hole marker and 10 sacks at surface.

Drill Stem Tests: Schlumberger Formation Tester  
1688' to 1690.5' Converse sand.  
Tool open 30 minutes  
Tool shut in 23 minutes  
Recovered 600 cc mud  
Pressures 0

Cores: Core #1-2155' to 2206'.  
First Leo zone ( see sample desc.)

ELECTRIC LOG FORMATION TOPS

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Datum</u>
Fuson	300	+3497
Lakota	350	+3447
Morrison	425	+3372
Sundance	640	+3157
Spearfish	918	+2879
Goose Egg	1240	+2557
Minnekahta	1479	+2318
Opeche	1520	+2277
Minnelusa	1616	+2181
Red Shale Marker	2032	+1765

GEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

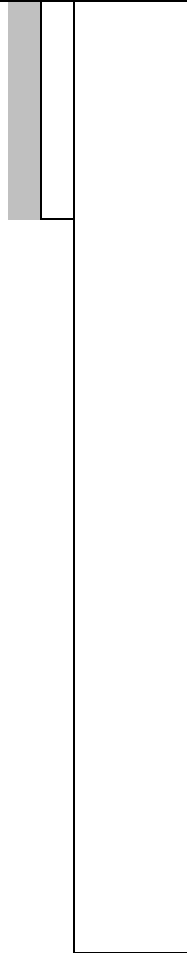
The subject well was drilled to a total depth of 2450 feet within a sand that would possibly coorelate with the Third Leo sandstone of the Pennsylvanian stratigraphic section in the Lance Creek field.

The Dakota sandstone between the base of the surface casing and 300 feet gave no indications of oil staining

**ORIGINAL WELL CONSTRUCTION DURING OPERATION**

API No. 4004720071  
11-7S-1E

Surface



*Surface Casing*  
8 5/8", 24#, set @  
163' w/ 135 sx  
to surface

*Perforations*  
None (DH)

*Hole Size*  
7 7/8" below surf  
csg to TD

*Total Depth*  
2250'

**PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT CONSTRUCTION**

Surface

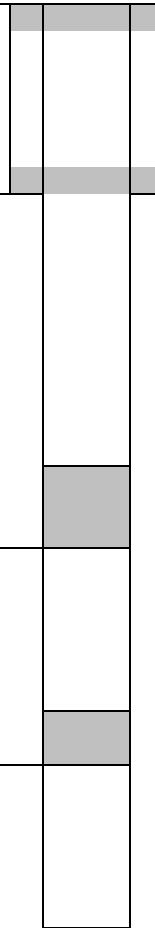
10 sx @ Surface

30 sx @ 105'-190'

50 sx 750'-900  
(Sundance)

35 sx 1900'-2000'  
(Minnelusa-Leo)

Feet of cement from Plugging Report  
Mud wt. 9.3 #/gal



*Surface Casing*  
8 5/8", 24#, set @  
163' w/ 135 sx  
to surface

*Mud from 384'-TD*

*Total Depth*  
2250'

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORT ON WELLS		FARM OR LEASE NAME
		Peterson
		WELL NO.
		34-11
<input type="checkbox"/> OIL WELL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS WELL <input type="checkbox"/> ----- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRY		FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT
OPERATOR		Wildcat
AQUARIUS RESOURCES CORPORATION		NO. ACRES IN LEASE
ADDRESS		1080.00
307 Conroy Building, Casper, Wyoming 82601		¼ ¼ SEC. TWP. RGE.
LOCATION (In feet from nearest lines of section or legal subdivision, where possible)		SW SE 11-7S-1E
660' FSL, 2217' FEL Section 11-7S-1E		COUNTY
ELEVATIONS (D.F., R.K.B., R.T., ORD., etc.; how determined)		Fall River
3679' Gr., 3689' K.B.		

INDICATE BELOW BY CHECK MARK NATURE OF REPORT, NOTICE OR OTHER DATA			
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:		SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:	
TEST WATER SHUT-OFF	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOOT OR ACIDIZE	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRACTURE TREAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	REPAIR WELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
MULTIPLE COMPLETE	<input type="checkbox"/>	PULL OR ALTER CASING	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABANDON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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		SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING	<input type="checkbox"/>
		REPAIRING WELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ALTERING CASING	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Note: Report results of multiple completion on Well Completion or Recompletion and Log Form—Form 4)

DESCRIBE PROPOSED OR COMPLETED OPERATIONS (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work)

Water was encountered in all porous zones drilled. The Leo sand had excellent porosity but yielded sulphur water when tested. Proposed plugging as approved by telephone is as follows:

35 sx	1900-2000	Minnelusa-Leo
50 sx	750- 900	Sundance
30 sx	105- 190	base of surface casing
10 sx		Surface plug & erect dry hole marker

I hereby certify that the foregoing as to any work or operation performed is a true and correct report of such work or operation.

SIGNED John F. Trotter TITLE President DATE December 23, 1976

Approved Jan. 4, 1977 DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE  
Date  
OIL AND GAS BOARD OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
Fred A. Steen Secretary

CONDITIONS, IF ANY:

See Instructions On Reverse Side Supervisor





Synopsis

Operator: Aquarius - Double U - Powerco

Well: #34-11 Peterson

Location: C/SW SE; 660' FSL, 2217' FEL  
Section 11, T. 7S., R. 1E.  
Fall River County, South Dakota

Area: Wildcat (Driftwood Canyon Prospect)

Elevation: 3679' Ground, 3689' K.B.

Spudded: December 9, 1976 (7:30 A.M.)

Ceased Drilling: December 22, 1976 (3:30 A.M.)

Completed: December 23, 1976 (12:30 A.M.)

Status: P & A

Total Depth: 2250' driller, 2248' log

Casing: 8-5/8" surface casing set @ 163'

Hole Size: 7-7/8" below surface to TD

Contractor: A. O. Bullock Drilling Co. - Rig #1  
Tool Pusher - Ray Cottrell  
Drillers - Larry Halligan, D. F. Ellsworth, Chuck Sides

Drilling Mud: Wyoming Mud Co., Casper, Wyo.  
Gel-Chemical from 384' to TD  
Engineer - Bruce Johnson

Lost Circulation: Lost Circulation for 5½ hours @ 384'.

Coring: No cores cut.

Drill Stem Tests: Halliburton Services  
DST #1; 2nd Leo, 2060'-2082' (adjusted to log from 2068'-2090')  
Rec. 125' muddy water, 1838' black sulfur water.  
Engineer - D. R. Rook, Gillette, Wyoming

Logs: Schlumberger Well Surveying Corp.  
Ran Dual Induction-Laterdog from 2248' to base of surface casing.  
Ran Borehold Compensated Sonic Log w/caliper from 2248' to base of  
surface casing. Ran Gamma Ray log from base of surface casing to  
surface.  
Engineer - Craig Rang, Gillette, Wyo.

Samples: All samples were delivered to American Stratigraphic Co., Casper,  
Wyo., for shipment to their Billings, Montana office where a cut  
will be made for the South Dakota State Geologist.

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**ORIGINAL WELL CONSTRUCTION DURING OPERATION**

API No. 4004720065  
14-7S-1E

Surface

125 sx cement to surface

Surface Casing  
8 5/8", 24#,  
set @ 152'

Perforations  
None (DH)

Hole Size  
Unknown

Total Depth  
2267'

**PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT CONSTRUCTION**

Surface

125 sx cement to surface

Surface Casing  
8 5/8" set @ 152'

No Plug in Surface  
Pipe since left as a  
water well

30 sx 850'-950'  
(Sundance)

30 sx 1500'-1600'  
(1st Converse Sand)

40 sx 1900'-2020'  
(2nd Leo)

Feet of cement from Plugging Report  
Mud wt. 10.3 #/gal

Total Depth  
2267'



WELL DATA

Location: 1983' from the West line and 660' from the North line, C NE NW Sec. 14, Township 7 South, Range 1 East, Fall River County, South Dakota.

Elevation: 3639 ground.  
3647 K.B.

Type Well: Wildcat.

Spud Date: 10:00 P.M., December 11, 1975.

Completion Date: 9:00 P.M., December 26, 1975.

Casing Record: Ran 8 5/8" surface casing. Set at 152 ground. Cemented with 125 sacks of regular cement with 3% Calcium chloride. Pipe set at 152 ground. 24# casing.

Total Depth: 2269 Driller.  
2267 Schlumberger.

Deepest Formation Penetrated: Lower Leo Section.

Depth Datum: 3647 K.B.

Well Status: Plugged and abandoned (left as water well for landowner).

Mud Program: Drilled out from under surface with water. Continued drilling with native mud down to 1070 in Spearfish red beds. Converted to a red bed between 1070 and 1283 in the Goose Egg formation after getting stuck at 1283. Added 1 sack of soda ash, 5 Rayvan, 4 caustic soda, 1 can suf-drill, and 25 sacks of gel. Above 1283 a water-flow was continually thinning mud, particularly when mud pump was shut down on trips for bit. Between 1625 in the Converse Massive Anhydrite and 1729 in middle Converse tourly treatment was Gel, 1 sack caustic soda, 1 soda ash, 1 Rayvan, and mud weight was 9.4-9.6 and vis. was 36 to 37. At 2045 to 2078 in upper Leo wt. was 9.7 and vis. was 46, with tourly treatments of 1 sack of soda ash, 1 Rayvan, 1 caustic soda, and 4 CMC to get water loss down to 5 cc. or less before Second Leo was reached at approximately 2100. At 2105 in Second Leo Sand main objective wt. was 10.0, vis. 36, and water loss 6.0. Water flow from up the hole continued to create problems in maintaining good quality mud. Logs were run without any hole trouble. Wt. was 10.3, vis. 85, and water loss 7.2. Mud furnished by Pro-Mud, Casper; Phil Hogan, engineer.

WELL DATA (Con.)

Hole Size: 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " from surface to 168.  
7 7/8" from 168 to 2269 T.D. Driller.

Cores: (None).

Drill-Stem  
Tests: (None).

Logs: Schlumberger Borehole Compensated Sonic Log was run from T.D. up to base of surface casing on a 5" scale 40-70-100, and on a 5" scale 40-90-140 from T.D. up to 1400 above Minnekahta. Gamma Ray Log and Caliper Log were also run with Sonic Log. Two repeats were run from T.D. up to 1980 first and then from T.D. up to 1400 on a 40-90-140 scale. Dual Induction Laterolog was run second and did not work. 8 hours were spent waiting for a second tool to arrive. A 2" scale was run from T.D. to base of surface pipe, and a 5" scale over same interval was also run, with a repeat from T.D. up to 1900.  
Engineer: Don Marquez, Gillette.

Plugging Record: 40 sacks from 2020 to 1900 across the Red Marker.  
30 sacks from 1600 to 1500 across top of the First Converse Sand.  
30 sacks from 950 to 850 across Basal Sand of the Sundance.  
Cementing by Haloo, Gillette  
(No plug-in surface pipe since left as water well).

Contractor and  
Rig Equipment: Farnsworth & Kaiser, Newcastle, Wyoming.

U-34 rig.  
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " IF drill pipe.  
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " drill collars totaling 341'.  
Mud pump GD FXQ with 6" liners and 16" stroke.  
Radios on rig and at Newcastle base plus in pusher's pickup.  
Mud pump trailer-mounted.  
~~Rig trailer-mounted.~~  
Buzz Farnsworth, pusher-owner.

Sample Storage: One cut of samples were sent to American Stratigraphic in Casper. sent  
One cut of samples were to the South Dakota Geologic Survey in Vermillion.

Drilling Time  
Records: Original copy of Star Recording 1' drilling time charts is on file in Denver office of G.A. Nelson.

**APPENDIX C**  
**ELECTRONIC COPY OF PERMIT APPLICATION**

**APPENDIX D**  
**HISTORICAL PHOTO, CITY OF EDGEMONT WATER WELL**