

SPINK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Battelle Attn: Rodney Osborne & T.R. Massey 505 King Avenue Columbus, OH 43201-2696

Re: Deep Borehole Field Test Spink County, SD

Dear Sirs:

After listening to the residents of Spink County speak out at three public meetings hosted by your organization and hearing testimony from Spink County residents at two of the Spink County Commissioners' meetings, along with fielding numerous phone calls from constituents, it is apparent that you do not have the support of the public in Spink County in regards to your Deep Borehole Field Test research project.

At the Commissioners' meeting held yesterday, each board member publicly discussed their position on the topic of your project. It is the consensus of the Board of Spink County Commissioners to inform you it is evident that you will be unable to secure the four votes needed in order to pass an application for Special Exception required for the project to begin. This consensus is made with the knowledge of a proposed legal agreement currently being drafted by the United States Department of Energy, between Battelle, the United States Department of Energy, the State of South Dakota and Spink County.

Nothing in this letter implies any restrictions on the Battelle Company filing an application for Special Exception to the Spink County Planning and Zoning Board.

Respectfully,

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Dave Albrecht, Chairman Spink County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Governor Dennis Daugaard, State of South Dakota President Heather Wilson, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology