

MINE CONTACT REPORT FORM

Date of Call: _____ Date of E-mail: 03/09/2025-04/07/2025
Telephone call to: _____ DENR Employee Contacted: Roberta Hudson
Operator Contacted: Crystal Hocking
Company: Respec/ Clean Nuclear
Telephone: _____
Staff Signature: _____ \s/

Crystal Hocking contacted the current surface lessee, Tim Allen and School and Public Lands Commissioner Brock Greenfield to get landowner and surface lessee agreement on the proposed reclamation plan for Clean Nuclear Energy Corporation proposed exploration activities. They provided a comment on the seed mix which required a reconsultation with the local NRCS office. Below are the emails between Respec, School and Public Lands, and Mr. Allen as well as the updated seed mix consultation with NRCS. I have attached the new seed mix to this memo.

From: Hudson, Roberta
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>; Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>
Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com
Subject: RE: [EXT] Response to reclamation plan

Crystal,

I will begin working on the public notice for you. The public notice will have to be published in the Fall River County Herald-Star. You will have to public notice it for two consecutive weeks. I aim to get this to you by Thursday so it can be public noticed April 17 and 24. We are not able to make the May hearing with this timeline so we will have to work out a hearing schedule with your attorney. You can have Clean Nuclear's attorney contact Steve Blair at the AG's office.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you!

Roberta Hudson, PE

Engineer Manager I
Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program

From: Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 4:10 PM

To: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com; Nagel, Justin <Justin.Nagel@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>; Greenfield, Brock <Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>; Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

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Thanks Crystal. Bobbie will be back in the office on Monday and will let you know if we need anything else.

From: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 4:03 PM

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Eric,

The revised seed mix for Clean Nuclear's exploration reclamation plan for Sec 36 lands is attached. This revision was provided by Andrea Westlake at the NRCS.

If the DANR needs anything else, please let us know.

I've kept the staff from Office of School and Public lands on this email so they all have the most up to date seed mix in the file as well.



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From: Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 6:49 AM

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Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com; Nagel, Justin <Justin.Nagel@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>; Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

Subject: RE: Response to reclamation plan

Please contact the NRCS and have them add buffalo grass to the seed mix, then send us the revised seed mix.

From: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:08 PM

To: Greenfield, Brock <Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com; Nagel, Justin <Justin.Nagel@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>; Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

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I appreciate you're reviewing and getting back to us. Clean Nuclear agrees to add in the buffalo grass seed and all the references to SDCL previously noted had been corrected.

Roberta/Eric - If there is anything else you need to proceed with the public notice, let Mike Blady or I know.



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From: Greenfield, Brock <Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:23 AM

To: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com; Nagel, Justin <Justin.Nagel@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>; Holm, Eric <Eric.Holm@state.sd.us>

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Ms. Hocking and Mr. Blady:

I received additional information from DANR regarding this matter. I also learned that the names I included were not the correct ones. My apologies. I have updated the list of recipients of this email to delete Mr. Lees and Ms. Blocker and to include Ms. Hudson and Mr. Holm.

In regard to the recommended reclamation seed mix, I am in agreement with the recommendation to include buffalo grass in the seed mix. So long as all prior references to SDCL 45-6C have been updated to 45-6D, I have no other recommendations to make to the reclamation plan, and I am in agreement with it.

Thank you.

Brock L. Greenfield
Commissioner—SD Office of School and Public Lands

From: Greenfield, Brock

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:25 AM

To: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com; Blocker, Lucy <Lucy.Blocker@state.sd.us>; Lees, Michael <Michael.Lees@state.sd.us>; Nagel, Justin <Justin.Nagel@state.sd.us>

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Ms. Hocking and Mr. Blady:

I am looping in Lucy Blocker and Michael Lees from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Specifically, they are with the Minerals and Mining Division. I will also pull up the email with your attachment outlining your reclamation plan and forward that. In my understanding, DANR is the office you will have to work with regarding the reclamation plan.

Also, our surface lessee has contacted us regarding the damages discussion. He is the one responsible for working with you on that front, but he has some concerns over how the land may be affected and whether he will be able to utilize it for grazing while Clean Nuclear is working out there. He suggested he may have to find an alternate tract of ground while you are out there. Regardless, I hope that discussion results in an equitable conclusion for our surface lessee. He is not opposed to your endeavors, but just has some unease about how that might affect him.

Brock Greenfield

From: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 12:41 PM

To: Greenfield, Brock <Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com

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I'm reaching back out again in hopes to help resolve this issue surrounding your offices approval of Clean Nuclear's proposed exploration reclamation plan.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or directly to Mike Blady with Clean Nuclear if you have questions.



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From: Crystal Hocking

Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 1:06 PM

To: 'Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us' <Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us>; Cornelison, Mike <Mike.Cornelison@state.sd.us>

Cc: 'Mike Blady' <mikeblady@gmail.com>; cowboyexpjwg@msn.com

Subject: RE: Response to reclamation plan

Commissioner Greenfield and Mr. Cornelison,

Regarding Clean Nuclear's proposed exploration reclamation plan (see attached), does the Office of School and Public Lands agree buffalo grass should be added to the reclamation seed mix? And do you have any other recommendations/changes to the proposed reclamation plan?

I'd be happy to organize a call between your office and Clean Nuclear if that would help facilitate a timely resolution.



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From: Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 11:02 AM

To: Tim Allen; Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us

Cc: Mike Blady <mikeblady@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Response to reclamation plan

Appreciate the feedback Tim.

There was a vegetation survey conducted of the area to identify current vegetation, including any special/unique species. And the seed mix was developed by NRCS based on soil conditions and climate of the area.

Do you have any specific recommendations that you feel would improve revegetation, besides adding in the buffalo grass to the seed mix? Does the Dept of School and Public Lands agree this species should be added to the seed mix?

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From: Tim Allen

Sent: Sunday, March 9, 2025 9:30 PM

To: Brock.Greenfield@state.sd.us; Crystal Hocking <crystal.hocking@respec.com>

Subject: Response to reclamation plan

To all parties concerned,

I have looked over the reclamation plan and I question several things:

- 1- The actual soils there will not easily be reseeded due to little annual moisture. This area is continually the driest part of the state.
- 2- That area does not regrow grasses as well as areas at lower elevations a mile away due to its poorer soil type.
- 3- My experience with farming in South Dakota tells me that tilling up that area and drill planting will be unsuccessful and leave the area unproductive for several years. And it will be a weed patch long after stated weed management periods have expired.
- 4- I would like to see buffalo grass reseeded there also, as that is currently flourishing in its natural state. Has anyone actually looked to see what native

grasses are there? This area will only sustain specific grasses due to soil type and very low yearly moisture.

These are my thoughts.

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SEEDING PLAN

Producer

Clean Nuclear Energy

Conservation District:

Fall River

MLRA

60A

Program

CTA

Practice No.

342

Practice Name:

Critical Area Seeding

CI or Referral No.

NA

Contract #

NA

Resource Concern (CPPE Impact)

Purpose:

342- Stabilize areas with existing or expected high rates of soil erosion by wind or water

PLANNED		
Tract		Seedbed Preparation
Field	NA	Clean, smooth, weed free seedbed will be prepared
Acres	50.00	
Group or Site	Critical Area Group	
Site	Loamy or Silty Texture	Have the past 3 years of Herbicide Carryover been considered?
Date to be Planted	Early Spring Prior to 5/15	No
Alternative planting dates		Protection Provided
Alternative planting dates		Clip weeds before they compete for moisture and light
Seeding Equipment	Special Grass Drill	
Companion Crop		

PLANNED						
Species * **	max % or Rating	1/ Select Improved Variety (recommended) or select common seed (see note below)	Percent in Mixture	Pure Live Seeds (PLS) per square foot	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs/ac Needed	Pure Live Seed (PLS) lbs Required
Sideoats grama			10.0	3.75	0.79	39.65
Western wheatgrass			40.0	12.00	8.78	439.11
Blue grama			5.0	2.25	0.13	6.53
Green needlegrass			15.0	5.63	1.36	68.06
Slender wheatgrass			10.0	2.55	0.23	11.49
Purple prairie clover			2.0	0.75	0.11	5.63
Little bluestem			8.0	3.00	0.46	22.85
Buffalograss			10.0	3.75	3.27	163.35

To meet SD NRCS Standards Please Note:

1/ Improved varieties recommended above have no restrictions on their origin.

1/ Origin of Common grass seed must be ND, SD, NE, MT, WY, MN, or IA. Exception: Smooth Bromegrass any locale.

1/ Common Native forbs and legumes will originate or be grown in (USA): ND, SD, NE, MT, IA, WY, ID, WA, OR, MN, WI, and (CAN): AB, BC, MB, ON, SK.

- Seed test must be completed according to SD Seed laws (see link below) and no more than 9 months prior to the date planted.

- All legumes must be pre-inoculated. Producer will provide all seed tags to NRCS

- Tetrazolium (TZ) tests may be used as a substitute for germination tests ONLY for Green Needlegrass

- For Alfalfa Salinity tolerance use F or G from the web site link --->

* Pubescent wheatgrass and Intermediate wheatgrass are the same species and can be substituted for one another at any time.

** Thickspike wheatgrass may be substituted for western wheatgrass if the later is not available but only west of the Missouri River.

To calculate the amount needed multiply the western wheatgrass seeding rate by .72

SD Seed Laws

Codified Laws Statute 38-12A

Seed testing

SD state seed-lab

LOCATION MAP

Tract

See Map

S. 36

T. 7S

R. 2E

Planning Assistance By:

Andrea Westlake

4/4/2025

Name

Date)

Plan Meets SD Standards (if no explain)

Yes

No

The seeding plan was developed from recommendations based on the NRCS Soil Survey and South Dakota Field Office Technical Guide.

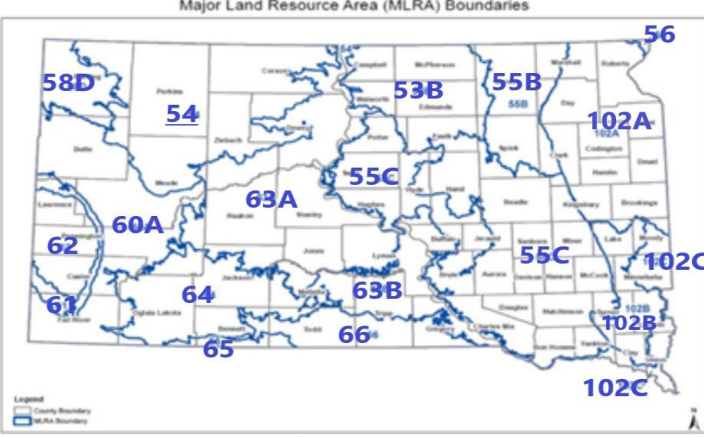
Critical Area Group

This seeding is planned in Major Land Resource Area (MLRA)

Varieties/Cultivars that are approved for South Dakota Include:

Loamy or Silty Texture

60A



Common Name

Sideoats grama

Butte
Northern Iowa Germplasm

Central Iowa Germplasm
Pierre

Common
Southern Iowa Germplasm

Killdeer
Trailway

Western wheatgrass

Arriba
Recovery

Barton
Rodan

Common
Rosana

Flintlock
Walsh

Blue grama

Bad River

Birdseye

Common

Green needlegrass

AC Mallard Ecovar

Common

Lodorn

Slender wheatgrass

AC Pintail Ecovar (Bearded)
Common
Pryor

AC Sprig Ecovar (Bearded)
Elbee
Revenue

Adanac
FirstStrike

AEC Hillcrest
Primar

Purple prairie clover

Bismarck

Common

Kaneb

Little bluestem

Badlands Ecotype
Common

Blaze
Itasca

Camper
Northern Iowa Germplasm

Central Iowa Germplasm
Southern Iowa Germplasm

Buffalograss

Bismarck ecotype (veg)
Plains

Bowie
Tatanka

Cody

Common