## NOTICE OF HEARING

## URANIUM EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION CLEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY CORP.

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources has received a permit application to conduct exploration for uranium from Clean Nuclear Energy Corp., 503-905 Pender St W, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 1L6. Clean Nuclear Energy Corp.'s resident agent is CT Corporation System, 319 S Coteau St, Pierre, SD 57501.

The exploration area is located approximately seven miles north of Edgemont in portions of Section 36; T7S-R2E, Fall River County.

In accordance with SDCL 45-6D and SDCL 1-26, a hearing on the issuance of the permit has been scheduled to take place before the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment on August 20 and 21, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. CDT on August 20, 2025, in Room 414, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. This hearing may be delayed or rescheduled at the discretion of the Board.

Clean Nuclear Energy Corp.'s Chord Project will consist of drilling up to 50 exploration holes to a maximum vertical depth of 700 feet. In addition, the project will include 50 drill platforms each with a dimension of 60 feet by 60 feet. Exploration will be conducted utilizing reverse circulation drilling with sumps. No new road construction is proposed for this operation.

The permit, if approved, only authorizes those exploratory activities identified in the permit application and does not authorize the commencement of uranium mining activities. If the company decides to proceed with uranium mining at a later date, a state mine permit application and additional public hearings will be required prior to commencement of uranium mining.

The Board's action will be either to approve or deny the uranium exploration permit application. This hearing is an adversary proceeding; in accordance with SDCL 45-6D-26, persons that filed written objections to or statements in support of the application with the Department on or prior to May 14, 2025, have the right to intervene in the proceeding. Persons intervening will have the following rights at the hearing: to be present, to be represented by a lawyer. Individuals may represent themselves at the hearing; organizations must be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. The decision based on the hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the amount in controversy exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the contested case may require the agency to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice of the request to the agency no later than ten days after service of a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources at least 48

hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-4201.

Persons desiring further information regarding this hearing may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 E Capitol Ave or by calling (605) 773-4201.

Hunter Roberts
Secretary
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources