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Dear Mr. Blady,

We are in receipt of your Uranium Exploration Permit Application. During review of this application, we have determined the application is currently incomplete. Please address the following items:

1. SDCL 45-6D-7(5): Please clarify the number the drill holes being proposed in this application.
2. SDCL 45-6D-9(2): The seed mix consultation with the local conservation district was provided on the previous application for Section 36, T7S-R2E. This consultation needs to be redone for the new application area. In addition, the United States Forest Service (USFS) commonly has a recommended seed mix for operations on their land. If USFS does not approve of the seed mix provided in the application, the USFS recommended seed mix will have to be approved by the local conservation district.
3. SDCL 45-6D-14: The department reviewed the location of the proposed operation and consulted with both the State Archaeologist as well as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The proposed operation is located within one-quarter mile of an area designated to the National Register of Historic Places and/or the State Register of Historic Places. Due to the proximity of the proposed exploration activity to these sites, the application must be reviewed by SHPO under SDCL 1-19A-11.1. A permit hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment will not be scheduled until SHPO's review is completed; the SHPO review is required to be submitted as part of the application. Therefore, please contact Jozef Lamfers with SHPO at (605) 773-3458 to determine what actions Clean Nuclear needs to take to complete the SHPO review. Please submit final review documentation from SHPO for the application.
4. SDCL 45-6D-16: Since the proposed exploration area is located on USFS land, an approved or nearly complete Plan of Operations must be provided to the department. During the review process of the Plan of Operations, USFS may provide or change the currently proposed access and/or reclamation plans for the area. In addition, bonding calculations must be conducted in coordination between DANR and USFS, which can only occur when the Plan of Operations is nearly complete. The Plan of Operations must either be approved by USFS or be submitted with

confirmation from USFS stating the review process for the Plan of Operations is nearly complete and only the submittal of a bond remains prior to approval. As per the Memorandum of Understanding between the DANR and USFS, DANR will hold the entirety of the bond for this uranium exploration permit.

Please provide the information identified above. Once this information is received, the department will determine the application is complete and filed and will draft a public notice as required under SDCL 45-6D-12 and provide it to you for publication in a local newspaper for the area of the proposed operation. This will start the process for a hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment.

If you have any questions on the requested information above, please contact me at (605) 773-4201.

Sincerely,

\s/

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