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Response to Notice of Deficiencies #1, Coyote Basin Project, File No. P-2025-011, 25-08-01

1 message Nancy Normore <nnormore@homeland-uranium.com> Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 11:45 AM To: "Ridley - DNR, Hunter" < hunter.ridley@state.co.us> Cc: "Warren, Daniel" <DWarren@hunton.com>, "Stratte, Martin" <MStratte@hunton.com> HI Hunter, Please see my responses below: All maps have been updated with your requirements. I have also created a Dropbox which will contain all the relevant information. https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/lsvegdndn6fw6sql7gio1/AATAbuM0vQGiQNN04x3Nj3M?rlkey=ijn601haokpagnnykmj6kn7ln&st= m5r33ugt&dl=0 Let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you, Nancy **RESPONSE:** MAPS: 1. Please see maps in dropbox Figures 1 – 15. 2. Confirmed. 3. See Dropbox. Section III: 4. It is not anticipated that any drill holes will encounter artesian flow, and it is uncertain as to if or where groundwater will be encountered. Should drilling operations encounter groundwater, applicant shall abandon said drill hole in accordance with Rule 3.1.6 (1) and 5.4.2 of Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operation. Drill holes will be approximately 300 to 1,000 feet deep. If an artesian well or drillhole intersecting the water table is encountered, each drill hole will be plugged and cemented to appropriately seal the drillhole. The plug and

However, in terms of bonding, we have the understanding that unless Shift actually encounters groundwater, bonding for cement plugging is otherwise unnecessary and not required by the regulations. Please confirm.

of the surface, and will have additional cementing to properly plug where groundwater or an artesian well is encountered. Groundwater depths in historical drillholes range from 140 ft to 820 ft, but it unknown as to what to expect for our drill pan.

cement will prevent uncontrolled flow of water from occurring if this groundwater condition is encountered. The amount of cement used will be dependent on the need of the drillhole. At minimum, all drillholes (dry or wet) will be plugged and cemented within 5 ft

Section IV:

- 5. Shift Exploration Inc. (Homeland Uranium Corp) (SEI-HLU) will adhere to the guidelines indicated " If excess cuttings are to be buried onsite in final reclamation, please commit to on site disposal of all cuttings with a minimum of 36" of total cover over the disposal location at each pad."
- 6. The type of mix will be provided by BLM. SEI-HLU will use the appropriate seed mix as directed by BLM.
- 7. Trenches, Drillpad and Laydowns Areas:
 - The Trenches will be a maximum of 5 ft deep and will approximately excavate 315.4 cubic yards or less. Topsoil will be stored immediately adjacent to the trench. Trench dimensions are 131 x 6.6 ft without topsoil. With topsoil storage, affected area is 131 x 13 ft. See Figures 2-13 provided.
 - Maximum depth for sump will be 5 ft. Typical sump size will be 4ft x 8ft by 5 ft deep. Topsoil will be stored within the drillpad area of 30 x 50 ft, within the immediate area of the sump (as long as deemed safe). See Figures 2 13.
 - Laydown areas will have no excavated material. These are intended to be left undisturbed. Laydowns are chosen in areas of low to no vegetation. See Figures 2 13.

Financial Warranty:

- 8. SEI-HLU intends to conduct reclamation as follows: To prevent unnecessary and undue degradation, Shift Exploration will implement reclamation measures concurrent with operations, which are expected to occur within the work window of August 1 to December 31. For example, and in addition to the other best practices discussed herein, topsoil will be salvaged and stockpiled to prevent erosion or cross-contamination. Surface disturbances will be minimized to smallest area required for operations and will follow natural contours, and wattles or temporary silt fences will be used to demarcate and protect vegetation surrounding the project area. After each drillhole is abandoned, stockpiled topsoil will be distributed promptly to blend with the natural landscape and to match existing slopes to facilitate drainage and prevent erosion. Regarding revegetation, operators will spread a seed mix provided by BLM over replaced topsoil and apply erosion control (mulch, hydromulch, wattles, or other suitable option) to support plant establishment in dry conditions. Where required, barriers will be installed around sumps, stockpiles, and drill pads to prevent sediment migration and to protect vegetation downslope. Lastly, a natural buffer zone of undisturbed vegetation will be maintained around the area of active operations. We intend to post one bond for the entire project and will update BLM and DRMS during and after the project of ongoing reclamation.
 - I would like to clarify your text on the Phased Bond Approach. Let me know when you are available.



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