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MINERALS RIGHT OF ENTRY
PERMIT NO. SA – 0421

This Agreement is made and entered into between the Commissioner of Public Lands (the “Commissioner”) and

New Mexico Environment Department – Office of the Secretary
Office of Strategic Initiatives
121 Tijeras Ave NE, Suite 1000
Albuquerque, NM 87102

(“Permittee”), and shall become effective **May 15, 2025** (the “Effective Date”).

The parties agree as follows:

1. RIGHT OF ENTRY (“ROE”)

The Commissioner grants to Permittee, and its authorized representatives, employees, and contractors, permission to use the state trust lands identified below (the “Premises”), and ingress and egress to the Premises, for the sole purposes of (1) surveying/conducting environmental investigations, (2) conducting surface reclamation activities, including removal of equipment and debris, and (3) conducting any agreed-upon remediation on the site of State Land Office Mineral Site **Red Bluff No. 1**, which is an abandoned former uranium mining site.

The Premises are situated in the following location in **McKinley County**, New Mexico:

Section	Township	Range	Subdivision	County	Acreage
36	13N	10W	ALL	McKinley	640

2. TERM

Right of entry is granted under this permit (“Permit” or “ROE”) and commences on the Effective Date and continues through December 31, 2027.

3. FEE

Permit fees are waived because the Commissioner has deemed this project to be in the best interest of the trust and Permittee is providing the Commissioner with natural resource services free of charge.

4. CONDITIONS OF USE

- A. The issuance of this ROE does not guarantee that any subsequent agreement, permit or any other instrument will be issued to Permittee for the Premises.
- B. No blading or widening of any roads is permitted under this ROE without either amendment of the ROE or separate written approval from the Commissioner.
- C. No sale of any material extracted from the Premises is allowed under this ROE.
- D. Permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress forest, brush and grass fires and prevent pollution of waters on or in the vicinity of the Premises.
- E. Access to the Premises shall be over existing roads; off-road vehicular travel is permitted to reduce impact.
- F. Permittee shall not block or disrupt access or use of roads or trails by other authorized parties.
- G. The grant of this ROE does not allow access across private lands.
- H. This ROE is subject to all leases, easements and rights-of-way previously granted and now in force and effect.
- I. Permittee may utilize this ROE upon its execution for inspection of the Premises and to conduct any necessary soil tests or other inspections. Permittee may not conduct any other surface disturbance, including remediation or reclamation work, until it has submitted a written plan for such work, and received State Land Office approval. A preliminary scope of work prepared by Permittee is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Permit.
- J. Permittee will provide the State Land Office with a copy of the Post-Reclamation Closeout Survey and Report and any recommended long-term monitoring and management plan(s).
- K. All lighting on the Premises should follow the guidance set forth in the Dark for the Park Alliance guidance found here, to avoid unnecessary light pollution: <https://www.nmstatelands.org/divisions/oil-gas-and-minerals/minerals-forms/>.
- L. Personnel present on Premises: **Staff and contractors of Permittee (NMED), Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (MMD), and Contractors.**
- M. Equipment and materials present on Premises: **GPS, Geiger Counter, Ground Penetrating Radar, Mechanical Excavation Equipment, and other related equipment necessary for the fulfillment of the approved site assessment, remediation and reclamation workplans.**

5. IMPROVEMENTS

No improvements shall be placed on the Premises. Permittee and its contractors may place equipment on the Premises on a temporary basis and must remove all such equipment upon the expiration or termination of the Permit. Disturbing, dislodging, damaging, defacing or destroying any improvement, fixture, item, object or thing placed or located on the Premises is prohibited.

6. RESERVATIONS

The Commissioner reserves the right to execute permits, agreements or leases on the Premises for any purpose. The Commissioner further reserves the right to sell or dispose of natural products of said lands and to grant such other right of way and easements as provided for by law.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Permittee shall at its own expense comply fully with and be subject to all applicable regulations,

rules, ordinances, and all requirements of the Commissioner, including, but not limited to, all applicable laws and rules pertaining to the protection of cultural properties on state trust lands, including the Cultural Properties Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 18-6-1 through 18-6-17), the Cultural Properties Protection Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 18-6A-1 through 18-6A-6), and the Cultural Properties Protection Rule (19.2.24 NMAC).

8. INDEMNITY

The parties acknowledge that their liabilities are limited by the New Mexico Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-30). To the extent permitted under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, Commissioner and Permittee agree to be responsible for the acts and omissions of their respective agency, employees, agents and contractors. Each party shall, at their own cost and expense, obtain and maintain insurance of the type and amounts required by the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, risk management or loss prevention rules or policies to protect their operations, property, employees and agents for all activities under this Authorization.

9. AMENDMENT

This Permit shall not be altered, changed or amended except by an instrument in writing executed by Commissioner and Permittee.

10. WITHDRAWAL; TERMINATION

Commissioner reserves the right to withdraw any portion of the Premises effective after 30 days' prior written notice to Permittee. Either party may terminate this Permit effective after 30 days' prior written notice to the other party.

11. PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Permittee agrees to preserve and protect the natural environmental conditions of the Premises. Disturbing, dislodging, damaging, defacing, destroying or removing historical, archaeological, paleontological or cultural sites or artifacts is prohibited.

Permittee further agrees that in the event it or its employees or agents cause any damage to the Premises, to wildlife or natural resources located thereon, or to historical, archaeological, paleontological or cultural sites or artifacts, Permittee shall provide written notice of such damage to Commissioner as soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours after such damage occurs. Permittee agrees to reclaim and restore any such damage within 30 days after such damage occurs. This obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Permit.

12. NOTIFICATION

Permittee must notify the Commissioner immediately in the event Permittee or its representatives, employees, or contractors observe any spill, fire, or other emergency on the Premises, or if Permittee or its representatives, employees, or contractors experience any serious injury while on the Premises.

Any other notice required under this Authorization shall be provided as follows:

For Commissioner:

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13. ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY AND VENUE; APPLICABLE LAW

In the event Permittee is aggrieved by a decision of Commissioner with respect to this Permit, Permittee may, within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of such decision, file an administrative contest pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 19-7-64 and 19.2.15 NMAC. Permittee shall initiate no court action regarding this Permit except to appeal a final decision of the Commissioner rendered pursuant to such a contest proceeding, and as provided by NMSA 1978, § 19-7-64. Venue for any court action relating to this Permit or its subject matter shall be exclusively in the Santa Fe County, First Judicial District, New Mexico District Court. This paragraph shall survive termination of this Permit. This Permit shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. AUTHORITY TO SIGN

The person signing below on behalf of Permittee represents and warrants that they are duly authorized to sign this Authorization on behalf of Permittee, and that they have full and proper authority to bind Permittee to all of the terms herein.

WITNESS the hands of COMMISSIONER and PERMITTEE on the day(s) and year entered below.

BY: _____
Stephanie Garcia Richard
Commissioner of Public Lands

DATE: _____

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE

DATE: _____

PERMITTEE NAME AND TITLE (PRINT)

Attachment A – Scope of Work
Abandoned Uranium Mine Cleanup: Red Bluff No. 1 (Section 36)
DESIGN AND BUILD

The purpose and goal of this Scope of Work is the provision of professional services to provide timely, high quality, professional environmental consulting and construction services in the following areas as applicable: multi-media environmental site assessments and investigations (remedial investigation); risk assessments; cleanup alternatives analyses (feasibility studies); reclamation (construction of physical safeguards, mine opening closures, and related), cost planning, final closeout surveys and related tasks at uranium mining impacted sites, including the site on state trust lands managed by the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO): **Red Bluff No. 1**, north of the Village of Milan, New Mexico in ALL of Section 13 North Range 10 West. Anticipated work will be performed by the Contractor, or by Sub-Contractors under the supervision of the Contractor, at former uranium mine sites, where there has been storage, use, disposal, or releases of radionuclides, mine wastes, and other mine-related contaminants.

The Contractor must demonstrate their capacity to perform and/or sub-contract all work and associated deliverables in a responsive manner and in accordance with the stated timeline.

Priority will be given to respondents demonstrating a local New Mexican workforce, per [NMSA 1978](#) Section 9-7A-16 that requires NMED to develop a uranium mine reclamation workforce in New Mexico. The contract term will be four years, and activities and annual, specific scopes of work and deliverables will be determined on a fiscal year basis according to State of New Mexico legislative appropriations and available funds.

For expediting projects, the EMNRD Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) staff of Professional Engineers may lead the work outlined below.

Activities and Project Deliverables

Activities below do not have to be performed in numerical sequence; please refer to the table of deliverables for approximate delivery dates.

Specifically, the Contractor shall:

1. Monthly Progress Reports

- a. Write monthly progress reports, to begin 30 calendar days from the first day of on-site activity and continue as recurring until the Final Closeout Survey Report has been submitted to the agencies. Monthly updates shall include:
 - i. Prior month's objectives and status updates of those objectives.
 - ii. Current month's status objectives and timeline to complete the objectives. Provide relevant site photos depicting objectives and captions.
 - iii. If applicable, any potential unforeseen changes to the agreed timeline.
- b. Monthly progress reports shall accompany monthly invoices.
- c. Monthly progress reports shall include an update on staffing, including any new hires, their positions and duty stations related to this contract.
- d. Monthly progress reports shall also be sent electronically to NMSLO if the site is located on state trust lands.

2. Weekly or Biweekly Meetings

- a. As appropriate and agreed upon by NMED, the Contractor will virtually meet with NMED on a regular basis to provide status updates and address barriers to progress.

- b. If the site is on state trust land, the NMSLO shall be invited to participate in these regular meetings.
- c. The Contractor shall identify one point person, or project manager, to streamline communications with NMED outside of regular meetings. The designated staff will be provided with an NMED contractor email account to streamline data transfer.

3. Community Engagement Plan and Summary Reporting

- a. The Contractor shall develop a Community Engagement Plan, with consultation from NMED's Community Engagement Coordinator, for the mine or mine sites relevant to this contract.
- b. The Contractor shall organize and plan community engagement, in coordination with NMED and NMSLO if site located on state trust land, with local constituents to inform residents and other stakeholders of the proposed actions on the mine site.
- c. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide a representative(s) to assist NMED staff with answering any technical inquiries presented by the public.
- d. The Contractor shall, after the closing of the comment period, provide a Summary Report to document and review any concerns raised by the community or NMED, and propose tentative solutions prior to a future community engagement. The report shall be updated as necessary with information from additional engagements.

4. Stage 1 Uranium Mine Site Assessment

- a. The Contractor shall review all existing site reports, including Verification and Validation (V&V Reports) and other Site Assessments as available.
- b. The Contractor shall prepare a site assessment work plan and submit the plan for review and approval by NMSLO's Environmental Compliance Office (ECO), if site is on state trust land.
- c. As applicable, the Contractor shall conduct and provide a Stage 1 Uranium Mine Site Assessment, which may include:
 - i. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in accordance with the current ASTM E1527 standard and EPA "All Appropriate Inquiries" requirements,
 - OR
 - ii. Site Assessment in accordance with the CERCLA process,
 - OR
 - iii. As specified in a statement of work prepared by NMED, to conduct a review of existing site assessments and available information.
- d. If not already completed for the site, the Contractor shall conduct a title search and provide a summary report per the template provided by NMED. A title search resulting in a finding of 'no viable responsible party' is a requirement to proceed further.
- e. If a responsible party is found, the Contractor shall notify NMED. The Site Assessment shall be limited to the affected area boundary and/or total disturbed area of the mine site, if known.

f. The Contractor shall ensure the landowner understands and approves of a title or deed restriction outlining prohibited activities within the disturbed area that will be effective upon completion of the post-reclamation final closeout survey.

5. Work Plans, and Sampling and Analysis Plans

a. The Contractor shall design scientific field investigation proposals, including field work plans and comprehensive sampling and analysis plans, including, but not limited to, a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Field Sampling Plan (FSP), Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and Health and Safety Plan (HASP).

b. The Contractor shall provide the field investigation proposal to NMED, and the NMSLO if the site is located on state trust lands, for agency review and approval.

c. The Contractor shall locate and identify utilities, utilizing NM811 (“Call Before You Dig”).

d. Upon agency approval, the Contractor shall conduct targeted sampling:

i. The Contractor shall conduct high level characterization on the magnitude and extent of radiological contamination through ground surveying and sampling of groundwater and/or soil/sediment material. The information will be collected and shared with NMED through geospatial data to include Day Time Group (DTG), coordinates, elevation, and terrain feature.

ii. When applicable, site characterization points will include radiation levels detected, units of measurement, identified features, hazards present, equipment utilized, suspected radiation source, and drilling of core holes and groundwater monitoring wells if necessary.

iii. Specifically, the Contractor shall deliver the following as applicable in accordance with the EPA National Geospatial Deliverable Standard:

1. Tabular Data

- a. Microsoft Excel (.xlsx)
- b. Tab or comma-delimited text files (.txt, .csv)
- c. Extensible Markup Language (.xml)

2. Map Deliverables

- a. Esri ArcGIS Pro Project (.aprx)
- b. Esri ArcMap Map (.mxd)
- c. Map/Project Package (.mpk, .ppkx)

3. Vector Geospatial Data

- a. Esri File Geodatabase (.gdb)
- b. Shapefile (.shp)
- c. GeoJSON
- d. Geopackage (.gpkg)

4. Raster/Aerial Imagery

- a. TIFF image with world reference file or as a GeoTIFF (.tif, .tfw)
- b. PEG image with world reference file (.jpg, .jpw)

e. If an adit, shaft, or decline is present, the Contractor shall request consultation with the State Mine Inspector’s office for review of the Health and Safety Plan.

Note: The State Mine Inspector does not have jurisdiction on abandoned uranium

mines but may provide relevant input on protecting workers' safety in and around open mine workings.

6. Stage 2 Investigation - Soil & Groundwater Sampling and Analysis

- a. As applicable, the Contractor shall conduct a Stage 2 Investigation - Sampling and Analysis based on the agency (NMED and NMSLO as appropriate) approved sampling and analysis plan(s), which may include:
 - i. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment,
OR
 - ii. Site Sampling and Analysis as defined as the NMED's ArcGIS Field Form which can be accessed by tablet or another mobile device in the field. It includes data collection for: mine features, soil sampling, boundaries, and other data that characterize and inform site prioritization.
- b. If groundwater contamination is present, the Contractor shall immediately notify NMED and NMSLO, as appropriate, by writing, characterizing the location of contamination and depth to water encountered.
- c. If an adit, shaft, or decline is present at the site, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Make an attempt to consult with the State Mine Inspector's Office to ensure safety and applicable regulations, as relevant.
 - ii. If possible, conduct a downhole visual inspection utilizing visual equipment and provide recording to assess and describe the nature of the underground workings, in addition to other applicable standard subsurface tools.
 - iii. If relevant to surface reclamation planning, conduct a geotechnical exploratory investigation, including a geophysical investigation and confirmation geotechnical drilling and sampling, if necessary, to delineate underground workings, (in a 3-D representation if appropriate) and to determine the subsurface profile and soil/rock conditions. The contractor shall describe the proposed geotechnical investigation in a geotechnical work plan approved by NMED prior to performing the work.
 - iv. If the above points cannot be performed, the Contractor shall provide an explanation that is acceptable to NMED staff and document the status.
 - v. Safeguard the feature if a physical hazard is present.
- d. If tailings piles or waste rock piles are present, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Conduct sampling of the tailings piles to determine the contamination levels.
 - ii. Conduct sampling of the waste rock piles to determine the levels of contamination and the ability to use the material as back fill, if appropriate.

7. Endangered Species Site Survey

- a. The Contractor shall conduct, if applicable, an Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Process for a mine site where substantial redevelopment is expected. New Mexico threatened and endangered species protections are outlined in the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act (17-2-37 through 17-2-46 NMSA 1978).

b. If applicable, the Contractor shall contact the federal land managing agency prior to any activities that require physical disturbance of a mine site to determine the appropriate level of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for actions on federally managed lands.

8. Historic and Archaeological Site Surveys

a. The Contractor shall contact the state, tribal, or federal land managing agency prior to any activities that require physical disturbance of a mine site to determine if an archaeological survey is necessary and the level of effort; and

a. The Contractor shall contact the State Historic Preservation Office prior to any activities on private land that require physical disturbance of a mine site to determine the need for an archaeological survey and the level of effort; and

b. Archaeological surveys must comply with federal and state regulations, including the New Mexico Administrative Code Title 4, Cultural Resources, Chapter 10 Cultural Properties and Historic Preservation.

c. If applicable on State Trust Lands, the Contractor shall conduct and provide surveys in compliance with Cultural Properties Act (NMSA 1978 Sections 18-6-1 through 18-6-17), the Cultural Properties Protection Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 18-6A-1 through 18-6A-6), and the Cultural Properties Protection Rule (19.2.24 NMAC).

d. The list of cultural resource consultants can be found on the archaeological permit program website:

<https://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/programs/permits.html>

9. Cleanup Analysis and Proposals for Alternative Methods of Disposal (Feasibility Study)

a. The Contractor shall define the extent of uranium contamination and estimate the total volume of contaminated materials that require removal.

b. The Contractor shall define areas that are not contaminated for feasibility of backfill and cover (borrow areas) with physical and chemical properties capable of supporting plant growth. Upon discretion of the landowner, soils suitability criteria may be implemented in accordance with MMD's *Guidance for Soil and Cover Material Handling and Suitability for Part 5 Existing Mines*.

c. The Contractor shall interpret data and mapping analysis pertinent to site-specific data.

d. The Contractor shall describe in detail alternative methods of disposal and any environmental and health impacts potentially resulting from those alternatives.

e. The Contractor shall develop feasible site clean-up goals dependent on the post-mining land use, budget availability, timeline goal, and other relevant factors such as potential impacts to human health, the environment, remediation and reclamation success.

f. The Contractor shall rank the alternative methods based upon a consideration of the factors identified in paragraph (e) above and recommend a preferred alternative.

g. The Contractor shall recommend land use restrictions, if any.

h. If a shaft, adit, pit, or other mine feature is present, the Contractor shall evaluate a minimum of two safeguarding alternatives.

i. If a pit or mining related depression is present, the Contractor shall:

- i. Conduct an investigation to delineate if underground workings are present, and the nature of them.
- j. For each proposed cleanup and/or safeguarding alternative, the Contractor shall provide a description, schedule, preliminary cost estimate, construction disturbance footprints/construction access route maps, design life, and future monitoring and maintenance requirements.
- k. If requested, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Assist the NMED's Community Engagement Coordinator to comply with NMED community engagement and public comment processes involving requests for comment, notification of action, and other related activities.
 - ii. Provide representative(s) to assist NMED staff with answering any technical inquiries presented by the public.
 - iii. Seek input from the Office of Natural Resources Trustee on site restoration.

10. Closure Plan and Cost Estimate Report for the Preferred Alternative

- a. The Contractor shall draft closure plans consistent with NMED, and NMSLO guidelines and agency recommendations to include, at a minimum:
 - i. Follow the *Joint Guidance for the Cleanup and Reclamation of Existing Uranium Mining Operations in New Mexico* and consider the *Guidance for Meeting Radiation Criteria Levels and Reclamation at New Uranium Mining Operations*, both of which can be found here: [Guidelines - Mining and Minerals](#).
 - ii. Propose reclamation guidelines, an approximate budget and timeline.
 - iii. Per the *Joint Guidance for the Cleanup and Reclamation of Existing Uranium Mining Operations in New Mexico*, ensure a site is considered "reclaimed" in accordance with radiation levels compliant under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 192.12, 40 CFR 192.32 and 10 CFR 40 ("5/15 standard") and that remedial actions provide reasonable assurance that radium-226 levels do not exceed 5 pCi/g above background of the site-specific Post-Reclamation Radiation Level (PRRL).
 - iv. Identify engineering controls as applicable and appropriate.
- b. If applicable and under jurisdiction of the U.S. BLM, the Contractor shall outline proper physical hazards safeguarding measures that could be implemented to comply with state and federal Surface Reclamation Criteria as outlined in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.
- c. The Contractor shall determine the need for engineered designs on neglected sites to account for climate change. This could include the challenges of re-establishing vegetation in a drier climate as well as the need to account for increasing frequency of more intense rainfall (<https://engagenmwater.org/hotter-drier-impacts-to-new-mexico-s-water-resources-from-climate-change-2020-2070>), pursuant to Section 3.3 of Executive Order 2019-003 (https://www.governor.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EO_2019-003.pdf).
- d. If applicable, if a discharge is warranted, the Contractor shall submit a Notice of Intent filing to NMED Groundwater Quality Bureau. The Notice of Intent form can be

found here: <https://cloud.env.nm.gov/water/?r=4391&k=1f039cf0e7>. The NMSLO shall be notified that an NOI has been filed with NMED.

e. If applicable, if the total area of disturbance requires it, the Contractor shall submit a Notice of Intent for a surface water discharge permit as determined by the EPA and/or the NMED's Surface Water Quality Bureau.

f. Notify and consult the NMSLO prior to submitting a Notice of Intent to NMED for either surface or groundwater discharges for sites located on state trust lands.

11. Time-Oriented Closure Plan and Proposed Cost Estimates per Phase, including Engineering Designs and Technical Specifications

a. Using the Closure Plan Preferred Alternative identified, the Contractor shall develop a time-oriented Reclamation Plan and Cost Estimate for each phase of the reclamation.

b. The Contractor shall present a Gantt chart or similarly useful project management tool for the Reclamation Plan outlining relevant milestones and phase transitions as projected.

c. The Contractor shall identify areas or zones of decontamination and other safety measures incorporated in an updated HASP as part of the Time-Oriented Reclamation Plan.

d. The Contractor shall ensure a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), or a similar plan that details stormwater engineering and pollution mitigation controls in place. Stormwater must be managed at the site for protection of the remedy and off-site properties and receiving streams. The plan shall include:

i. At a minimum the design of temporary and permanent run-on and runoff stormwater management structures, including drainage channels, any necessary spillways, catch basins, and terrace drains.

ii. Detail how stormwater and sediment generated during reclamation will be managed and shall include narrative descriptions of how clean stormwater will be segregated from impacted stormwater during reclamation.

iii. Detail how control structures will prevent impairment and degradation of receiving streams.

iv. If appropriate and requested by the landowner, the plan can also include hydraulic calculations demonstrating that the capacity of proposed stormwater structures are adequate to contain the 100 year/24-hour event storm, however the 500 year/24 hour is encouraged, and a description of any proposed erosion control methods (e.g., riprap, concrete cloth, gabions, erosion control blankets). If it is proposed to use riprap, the source of the riprap and installation procedures for the riprap shall be described.

12. Stage 3 - Reclamation and Restoration

a. The Contractor shall conduct or sub-contract site reclamation per the agency (NMED and NMSLO as appropriate) approved Closure Plan and within the Cost Estimate provided from the previous step.

- b. Reclamation may include shaft/adit/decline closures, waste rock removal, relocation/transport, handling of radioactive materials/soils, extracting and treating contaminated groundwater, backfilling and grading to contour the topography, installing erosion controls to stabilize slopes and protect water features, and revegetating.
- c. The Contractor shall provide weekly status reports to NMED and the NMSLO on reclamation progress, including photos as relevant. These monthly reports will be posted on the *Formerly Operating Uranium Mines and Mills Dashboard* in the site’s “Collection” of files after final closeout is complete, and on the NMED website. They may be provided to legislators upon request as well.

13. Post-Reclamation Closeout Survey and Report

- a. The Contractor shall sub-contract a specialized third party to carry out a Post-Reclamation Closeout Survey in consultation with NMED and NMSLO, or if applicable, and directed by NMED in special cases, a Final Status Survey in compliance with Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) (EPA 402-R-97-016).
- b. The Post-Reclamation Closeout Survey Report must detail the objectives achieved at the mine site and their consistency with the requests outlined in this proposal. The final report may include:
 - i. Suggested supplemental actions for reclaimed site.
 - ii. Applicable practices that will facilitate reclamation at other sites.
 - iii. Lessons Learned / Critical challenges at each phase of the reclamation operation.
 - iv. The contractor shall be prepared to host a community town hall, in conjunction with NMED and the NMSLO as appropriate to disclose findings of completed reclamation efforts.

14. Long-term Monitoring and Management Plan

- a. The Contractor shall provide a detailed long-term monitoring and management plan of the site to NMED and NMSLO. The long-term monitoring plan should detail strategies for sustained reclamation success and for ensuring any residual contaminants do not impact human health or the environment.
- b. The report shall be provided to NMSLO, or the landowner where applicable, as a recommendation.

Deliverables Timeline for FY 2026 on Red Bluff No. 1 Site
(Timelines will vary each fiscal year depending on funding)

Monthly Progress Reports (15 th of each month)	Beginning JULY 15, 2025
Community Engagement Plan and Summary Reporting	AUGUST 8, 2025
Stage 1 Uranium Mine Site Assessment	AUGUST 15, 2025
Work Plans and Sampling and Analysis Plans	AUGUST 22, 2025
Stage 2 – Investigation - Sampling and Analysis	OCTOBER 3, 2025
Endangered Species Site Survey	DECEMBER 5, 2025

Historic and Archeological Site Surveys	DECEMBER 5, 2025
Cleanup Analysis and Proposals for Alternative Methods of Disposal (Feasibility Study)	JANUARY 14, 2026
Closure Plan and Cost Estimate	FEBRUARY 11, 2026
Time-Oriented Reclamation Plan	MARCH 27, 2026
Stage 3 - Reclamation Status Reports	APRIL 17, 2026
Post-Reclamation Closeout Survey and Report	JUNE 1, 2026
Long-Term Monitoring and Management Plan	JUNE 1, 2026

Work Assignment Process:

Upon contractor selection and the establishment of contracts under this RFP, NMED will contact one or more contracted firms when environmental services are required and request that the Contractor(s) prepare a project-specific technical quote for the proposed work. As appropriate to the project, technical quotes outline the site conditions, site history, contaminants to be expected, scope of work to be performed, deliverables, costs for each task, and schedule for the work to be performed. The Contractor’s Rate Schedule must identify costs for each task, as specified in their contract. Work on a particular project will not begin until NMED notifies the Contractor that it agrees to the Contractor’s quoted prices, has properly secured access to the property, and has approved a work order.

Summary of Existing Site Information

Red Bluff No. 1 is located on state trust land managed by the NMSLO and consists of two pit areas oriented along the north and east section lines that were excavated to exploit uranium deposits within the Todilto Limestone. No disturbance is visible from Haystack Road, but there is visible site runoff that could contaminate nearby groundwater through seepage. The nearest residential site is 1-mile northwest of site along Haystack Rd.

For more information, see the data and file collections linked in the [NMED Uranium Mine Dashboard: Formerly Operating Uranium Mine and Mill Site in New Mexico](#), or enter the following link in your browser: <https://nmenv.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/690621694d4e4906b2ae2886f528eec1>.