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Please consider addressing the following questions/comments.

1. Under the NEPA CE will there be a bond secured to cover the cost of any environmental impacts should they occur as a result of this project?
2. How will the proposed borings be abandoned? Where are any specifications for the abandonment material and emplacement methods that are proposed for abandonment of the exploratory boreholes.
3. What is the composition of the drilling fluids that will be used in the coring of the boreholes? Use of municipal or other approved water does not clearly indicate what additives and chemicals will be added to the water to be clear on the compositions of the drilling fluid.
4. If the proposed drilling is to be conducted 24 hours a day will any sound and light mitigation be implemented?