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UPA STATEMENT ON USGS ADDING URANIUM TO THE CRITICAL MINERALS LIST

Following the release of the U.S. Geological Survey's 2025 List of Critical Minerals, Uranium Producers of America (UPA) President and Executive Vice President of Uranium Energy Corp. Scott Melbye issued the following statement:

"The Uranium Producers of America commend the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Department of the Interior for restoring uranium to the 2025 Critical Minerals List. This action underscores a strong commitment to U.S. energy security, ensuring uranium receives the same recognition and permitting certainty as other critical minerals, while aligning with President Trump's executive order to remove barriers that have long hampered domestic production.

The decision comes at a pivotal time, as America's uranium producers are making significant investments and restarting operations to revitalize the U.S. nuclear fuel cycle and provide our customers with a more reliable, resilient, and secure supply base. After decades of dependence on foreign state-owned entities, uranium's reinstatement marks a decisive step toward restoring domestic fuel production and advancing President Trump's vision of American Energy Dominance."

UPA is the national trade association representing companies in the domestic uranium mining, conversion, and enrichment sectors within the front end of the nuclear fuel cycle. UPA's mission is to promote the viability of the nation's uranium industry while being good stewards of the environments in which we work and live. UPA members conduct uranium exploration, development, and mining operations in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. The conversion facility is located in Illinois, and the enrichment projects are in North Carolina and Kentucky.

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