ME571/GEO589—Special topics Exploration, mining and environmental geochemistry of uranium deposits Cramer 123

FINAL EXAM

You can work in groups, but everyone must write their own answers. If anyone copies word for word from someone else, both students will receive a 0. If you copy from a published or internet source, use quotes and cite the references. Keep answers short, but complete.

Due May 6, 2016

- 1) What does a scintollometer measure? What do the measurements mean and how can you use this instrument in uranium exploration? 10%
- 2) Why are limestones typically poor host rocks for uranium mineralization? What is different about the Todilto Limestone uranium deposits? 15%
- 3) What criteria are needed to determine the depositional environment of a sedimentary rock? 10%
- 4) What are some of the political, economic, technical, and social factors a company must evaluate in order to decide to continue to explore and develop a uranium deposit in any area? 15%
- 5) What environmental considerations must be taken into account in order to mine for uranium? 10%
- 6) Why is safety so important? Describe one of the safety presentations given in class (not your own). 10%
- 7) Write a press release for one of the deposits we visited. Include who, what, where, when and why. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Press_release 10%
- 8) Discuss one of the students' oral project presentations in class by subject, information given, strong points, weak points and delivery. How would you do it better? 10%
- 9) Describe in situ recovery (ISR) of uranium. Why or why not are the primary tabular uranium deposits in the Grants district suitable for ISR? 10%