

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management



Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed action title: Conduct Routine Actions at the Grand Junction, Colorado, Disposal Site

Program or field office: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM)

LM Categorical Exclusion Evaluation no.: LM 17 - 26

Location(s) (LM site name or city, county, state): Grand Junction, Colorado, Disposal Site

Proposed Action Description
LM proposes to conduct routine activities at the Grand Junction, Colorado, Disposal Site, located at 4800 U.S. Highway 50, approximately 18 miles southeast of Grand Junction in Mesa County. Proposed actions would occur within the site property boundary and on adjacent LM-managed Bureau of Land Management access roads and property. Activities proposed are part of the Department of Energy's Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Program created under requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978. As such, actions would include, but would not be limited to the following activities and would be in keeping with the site's long-term surveillance plan to protect human health and the environment and to sustainably manage and optimize use of land and assets: maintain existing facilities, infrastructure, and site features, which could include vegetation management (i.e., herbicide application, biocontrols, revegetation, mowing); monitor onsite wells or other vegetation/ecological monitoring, scientific studies, and system operation and analysis at remote sites (SOARS) studies to gather site-specific information for future application (i.e., precipitation infiltration, soil properties, root intrusion, solar panels, wind sensors); management of waste in accordance with applicable local, state, and shipping regulations and laws; fire mitigation; and aerial surveys.
The following categorical exclusions would be applicable to proposed actions: B1.2; B1.3; B1.4; B1.6; B1.7; B1.11; B1.15; B1.23; B1.24; B1.27; B1.30; B1.31; B1.33; B2.1; B2.2; B2.3; B2.5; B3.1; B3.2; B3.6; B3.8; B5.1; B5.2; B5.4; B5.12; B5.16; B6.1.
Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied
See above

For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 1021.102 (10 CFR 1021.102) and Appendix B to [10 CFR 1021](#), and also Section 5.4 (*Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal*) and Appendixes B and C to DOE's [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Implementing Procedures](#) (June 30, 2025).

Requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures: (*see full text in regulation and in implementing procedures*)

☒ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR 1021 or Appendix B and C to DOE's NEPA implementing procedures.

To fit within the classes of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR 1021, or Appendix B of DOE's NEPA implementing procedures, a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B of both 10 CFR 1021 and DOE's NEPA procedures.

☒ There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. DOE or an applicant may modify the proposal to avoid reasonably foreseeable adverse significant effects such that the categorical exclusion would apply.

☒ The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

[**Note:** For proposals that fit within the categorical exclusions listed in Appendix C to DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, see DOE's notice of adoption for the subject Appendix C categorical exclusion for additional considerations. DOE notices of adoption for other agency categorical exclusions may be found on DOE's [Section 109: Adopting Categorical Exclusions](#) webpage.]

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA compliance officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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