

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management



Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed action title: Routine Activities

Program or field office: Office of Legacy Management (LM)

LM Categorical Exclusion Evaluation no.: LM 09-26

Location(s) (LM site name or city, county, state): Rifle, Colorado, Disposal and Processing Sites

Proposed Action Description
LM is proposing to conduct routine inspections, monitoring, and maintenance at the Rifle disposal and processing sites, as needed within specified limitations. These activities aim to gather information, complete maintenance needs, and preserve site integrity with minimal environmental impact and would fulfill the general license requirements in Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Section 40.27 (10 CFR 40.27) which identifies LM as the long-term custodian of the sites. Inspections, site visits, and tours would be noninvasive, involving various stakeholders and occurring at least annually. Monitoring would include groundwater and surface water sampling, ecological surveys, general surveying, and inspections of site infrastructure. Aerial surveys would be performed to establish baseline data. Maintenance would encompass repairs to site features, erosion control, vegetation management, and specific tasks for the Rifle disposal site.
Limitations ensure minimal ground disturbance, restricting physical alterations to previously disturbed areas and ensuring the use of hand-powered equipment where possible. Placement of markers would avoid sensitive ecological and cultural resources. Aerial surveys require specific safety approvals, and herbicide applications must follow strict guidelines and occur in previously treated areas. These routine activities are designed to avoid significant environmental impacts and are distinct from nonroutine actions that would require separate environmental reviews.
Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied
B1.3 – Routine maintenance
B3.1 – Site characterization and environmental monitoring
B3.2 – Aviation activities

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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