



**Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form**



Program or Field Office: Office of Legacy Management

Project Title and I.D. No.: Routine maintenance actions at the calibration pads and borehole pits near Grants, New Mexico. LM # 39-11.

Location: Grants, New Mexico

Proposed Action or Project Description:

DOE proposes to conduct routine maintenance actions as needed, on a facility containing surface calibration pads and borehole pits. The facility is located on 1 acre northwest of Grants, New Mexico. The site is adjacent to New Mexico State Highway 605 and is surrounded by land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Examples of typical maintenance actions that may occur include painting signs or identification numbers, fixing or repairing locks and the perimeter fence, hand-trimming vegetation that may encroach on the pads or pits, and removing sand that may drift along the perimeter fence or cover the surface pads. Pesticides may be necessary in the future to control invasive weeds. All activities would be conducted in accordance with best management practices.

Only negligible environmental concerns were identified during the evaluation of these actions, and all actions were found to be categorically excluded from further evaluation under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.3: Routine maintenance activities.

*For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

This action would not threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 of 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Tracy A. Ribeiro

10/13/11

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: