



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Categorical Exclusion ID#: NV-2021-012

Proposed Action Title: Offices and Unoccupied Buildings

Program or Field Office: NNSA Nevada Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Nevada National Security Site, Nye County, NV; North Las Vegas Facility, Clark County, NV; Remote Sensing Laboratory, Clark County, NV

Proposed Action Description

Note: This checklist is an update and replacement of NV-2017-038. This checklist does not cover construction of new buildings, expansion of existing buildings, or installation or relocation of trailers and/or modular buildings. There can be no involvement with radiological material or sources; and checking 'yes' to any additional Consideration on the front page of this document, or going beyond the following activity description with upgrades or system extensions, would void the use of this checklist and require that a new checklist be prepared.

Office work would also include use of standard kitchen appliances, use of copiers, printers, shredders, office supply storage areas, computer rooms, elevators, equipment storage, and the storage and use of normal janitorial supplies.

Minor work indoors and in associated yards and storage buildings would include but not be limited to electronics repair, minor fabrication, equipment storage and repair, duplicating services, driving/parking areas, normal laundry facilities, food vending services, and minor use of shop tools/equipment.

Routine maintenance to the facility would include but not be limited to: repairs to HVAC [heating, ventilation, and air conditioning] and power systems; resurfacing and restriping existing roads and parking areas; repairs to restroom facilities and lighting systems; repairs to potable water and sanitation systems, including retrofitting backflow prevention devices; excavation only to access utility lines and pipes; replacing ceiling tiles, carpeting, and flooring; painting of interior and exterior surfaces; moving property within and between buildings; pest and weed control through pesticide and herbicide application or blading already disturbed areas; putting fences in already disturbed areas; repair of existing transmission lines; reconfiguring rooms or placement of modular furniture; janitorial services; and placement of small concrete pads or sidewalks in previously disturbed areas. Routine maintenance activities are also covered by NEPA Checklist NV-2020-019.

Frequently unoccupied facilities would include those where workers may occasionally conduct minor work, take meter readings, make adjustments, retrieve stored materials, etc. This would also include items such as water fill stands and loading ramps. There could be machinery and equipment in the facility, as well as storage of various materials.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied

10 CFR 1021: Appendix B, B1.15, Support Buildings; Appendix B, B1.3, Routine Maintenance



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Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:

- (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D;
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. The proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, include the following conditions as integral elements of the classes of actions. To fit within the classes of actions in Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

NEPA Compliance Officer Determination

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under NNSA NAP 451.1 and DOE P 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action and I have reviewed the proposal for integral elements. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances present and that the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.