# U.S. Department of Energy Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office

## **Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CX)

Determination Summary Form

## Waste Processing Building Demolition and Site Restoration

#### REFERENCE

10 CFR Part 1021, Department of Energy National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures, Subpart D, Typical Classes of Actions

#### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the Waste Processing (WP) Building Demolition and Site Restoration project includes removal and disposal of the building, slab, footers, pits, basement, and underground piping. These processes include removal and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyl and asbestos containing material, disconnection of utilities, removal of lead-based paint, and erection of a temporary weather enclosure over the building prior to initiation of demolition. The WP Building site restoration is expected to include a Herculite lining to segregate radiologically contaminated soil with clean fill, backfill, gravel levelling, and sloping towards the adjacent hillside. The WP Building is positioned in close proximity to the north boundary of the Bettis Laboratory Site and is a single structure with a partial basement. The total gross area is 3,401 square feet and has a net area of 2,943 square feet.

The proposed project area is not in close proximity to streams, wetland areas, critical areas, or archaeological sites. The project does not violate applicable regulatory requirements, require construction or major expansion of waste handling facilities, result in unpermitted releases of hazardous substances, or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources, including wetlands. It also does not involve genetically engineered organisms or species. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action. The project has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion and is not connected to other actions with potentially significant and/or cumulative impacts.

#### CONCLUSION

The WP Building Demolition and Site Restoration project is categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation under 10 CFR1021 Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.15, B1.16, B1.17, B1.23, B1.27, B1.30, B1.33, and B1.34. Specifically, the categorical exclusions that apply are the following:

#### B1.15 Support buildings

Siting, construction or modification, and operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated and modular buildings) within or contiguous to an already developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Covered support buildings and structures include, but are not limited to, those for office purposes; parking; cafeteria services; education and training;

visitor reception; computer and data processing services; health services or recreation activities; routine maintenance activities; storage of supplies and equipment for administrative services and routine maintenance activities; security (such as security posts); fire protection; small-scale fabrication (such as machine shop activities), assembly, and testing of non-nuclear equipment or components; and similar support purposes, but exclude facilities for nuclear weapons activities and waste storage activities, such as activities covered in B1.10, B1.29, B1.35, B2.6, B6.2, B6.4, B6.5, B6.6, and B6.10 of this appendix.

#### B1.16 Asbestos removal

Removal of asbestos-containing materials from buildings in accordance with applicable requirements (such as 40 CFR part 61, "Natural Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants"; 40 CFR part 763, "Asbestos"; 29 CFR part 1910, subpart I, "Personal Protective Equipment"; and 29 CFR part 1926, "Safety and Health Regulations for Construction"; and appropriate state and local requirements, including certification of removal contractors and technicians).

### B1.17 Polychlorinated biphenyl removal

Removal of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-containing items (including, but not limited to, transformers and capacitors), PCB-containing oils flushed from transformers, PCB-flushing solutions, and PCB-containing spill materials from buildings or other aboveground locations in accordance with applicable requirements (such as 40 CFR part 761).

#### B1.23 Demolition and disposal of buildings

Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smoke stacks and parking lot surfaces), provided that there would be no potential for release of substances at a level, or in a form, that could pose a threat to public health or the environment.

#### B1.27 Disconnection of utilities

Activities that are required for the disconnection of utility services (including, but not limited to, water, steam, telecommunications, and electrical power) after it has been determined that the continued operation of these systems is not needed for safety.

#### B1.30 Transfer actions

Transfer actions, in which the predominant activity is transportation, provided that (1) the receipt and storage capacity and management capability for the amount and type of materials, equipment, or waste to be moved already exists at the receiving site and (2) all necessary facilities and operations at the receiving site are already permitted, licensed, or approved, as appropriate. Such transfers are not regularly scheduled as part of ongoing routine operations.

### B1.33 Stormwater runoff control

Design, construction, and operation of control practices to reduce stormwater runoff and maintain neutral hydrology. Activities include, but are not limited to, those that reduce impervious surfaces (such as vegetative practices and use of porous pavements), best

management practices (such as silt fences, straw wattles, and fiber rolls), and use of green infrastructure or other low impact development practices (such as cisterns and green roofs).

# B1.34 Lead-based paint containment, removal, and disposal

Containment, removal, and disposal of lead-based paint in accordance with applicable requirements (such as provisions relating to the certification of removal contractors and technicians at 40 CFR part 745, "Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention In Certain Residential Structures").

NRLFO Approval:

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