



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Modification of Pantex Special Use Airspace, P-47

Program or Field Office: NNSA Pantex Field Office / Pantex

Location(s) (City/County/State): Amarillo, Carson, Texas

Proposed Action Description:

The proposed action would modify the existing Special Use Airspace (P-47) that is currently in effect above the U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) Pantex Plant property and neighboring Texas Tech University System (TTSU) property. In response to property boundary agreements executed between the TTUS and the DOE/NNSA, adjustments to the P-47 Prohibited Airspace boundary and Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) Restricted Airspace boundary is required. This request would improve national security by allowing the federal control of the airspace vital for the DOE/NNSA in protecting the nation's nuclear weapon stockpile.

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This document has been reviewed by a DC/RO and has been determined to be UNCLASSIFIED, not UCN, and contains no CUI based on current classification guidance. This review does not constitute a review for CUI outside of classification guidance and does not constitute clearance for Public Release.
Name: Maria Holt
Date Reviewed: 9/8/2025
Pantex eDC/RO ID: 937817

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B3.2 – Aviation activities

For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B to [10 CFR Part 1021](#), and also Section 5.4 (Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal) and Appendices B and C of [DOE's National Environmental Policy Act 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 Part 1021 or Appendix B and C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).
To fit within the classes of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 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 Part 1021 and DOE's NEPA Implementing 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 of 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 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.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Corrie Baker

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