

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management



Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed action title: Routine Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance Activities at the Tonopah Test Range, Nevada, Site

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

LM Categorical Exclusion Evaluation no.: LM 25-25

Location(s) (LM site name or city, county, state): Tonopah Test Range, Nevada, Site

Proposed Action Description
LM is proposing to conduct annual inspections, maintenance and repair, and monitoring activities, as necessary, at each of 11 sites at the Tonopah Test Range, Nevada, Site (TTR site). Long-term surveillance and maintenance (LTS&M) activities are a major component of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) LM stewardship mission to ensure protection of human health and the environment over the long term. The TTR site comprises 40 closed Corrective Action Units (CAUs) at an active military training facility. The CAUs were closed under the authority of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO), which is a tri-party agreement between DOE, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The FFACO was established under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Of the 40 CAUs that comprise the TTR site, LTS&M activities are required at 11 sites within five CAUs. LTS&M activities are required by the FFACO as a condition of closure at 10 sites within CAUs 407, 424, 453, and 487; LTS&M activities are required by DOE Order 458.1 Chg 5, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment and LM radiation procedures at CAU 413 .

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied
B1.3 – Routine maintenance
B3.1 – Site characterization and environmental monitoring

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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