

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



Program or Field Office:	Office of Legacy Management
Project Title and I.D. No.:	Well Abandonment and Equipment Transfer at the Pinellas County, Florida Site, LM 08-16
Location:	Largo, Florida

Proposed Action or Project Description: LM is proposing groundwater monitoring well abandonment and the transfer and disposition of a variety of materials and equipment from the Pinellas site. LM has been managing cleanup of the Pinellas site as part of the Pinellas Environmental Restoration Project under a Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). LM is currently pursuing site closure under the FDEP Global Risk-Based Corrective Action rules. To reduce the site footprint, LM plans to abandon wells and disposition equipment that is no longer needed. Well abandonment activities would be conducted by a subcontractor in accordance with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) requirements. LM plans to abandon 27 wells in summer 2016. Other well abandonment actions are expected to follow as the site progresses to closure. For equipment transfers, LM would evaluate the best and most feasible end-use of the materials and equipment in guestion and make a determination whether to disposition or transfer the items. All dispositions would be processed through LM's established property disposition procedures. For materials designated for disposal the contractor or subcontractor would submit to LM information identifying the collection and salvaging methods, materials recovered, guantities and types of material diverted either by salvage or recycling, and quantities and locations of disposed materials. The contractor or subcontractor would be responsible for regulatory compliance of all equipment and materials handling during this process. LM intends to transfer some items to the Young - Rainey STAR Center (Science, Technology, and Research Center) and disposition or transfer other items to other LM sites. The items that would be transferred do not require permits. There would be no change in impacts and no potential for release as a result of discontinuing use and transferring or disposing of the units.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

- B1.24 Property transfers
- B1.30 Transfer actions
- B1.31 Installation and relocation of equipment
- B3.1 Site characterization and environmental monitoring

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 Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

ZThe proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, 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 listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This 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.

Based on my review of 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.