



National Nuclear Security Administration Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



NEPA ID#: HEDLP 15-001-001

Proposed Action Title: WINGS Training Exercise (NV-2014-012)

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), Nye County NV and NLVF Airport

Proposed Action Description:

The Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Aerial Measuring System (AMS) program and the Department of Homeland Security (OHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have collaborated to develop an opportunity to apply the capabilities of local, state, and federal assets into an integrated response through WINGS exercises. WINGS is designed to be a series of tabletops and field exercises to give participants the opportunity to improve their aerial emergency response techniques and establish working relationships with other key response agencies.

A total of approximately 90 participants are expected to take part in the WINGS exercise from the approximately 12 different agencies; including NNSA, FEMA PNNL, ONDO and law enforcement agencies.

WINGS activities would be staged out of two locations: North Las Vegas Airport, and Desert Rock Airport at the Nevada National Security Site. The first day of the exercise features a refresher MARS course for any participants that wish to attend and a tabletop exercise for the other participants. The rest of the week's activities take place at Desert Rock Airport, with the participants flying multiple missions over areas of the NNSS over several days.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

Part 1021 - 8 -1.2 - Emergency response training exercise

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

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

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.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning 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 and that other-regulatory requirements set forth above are met. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Linda Cohn

Date Determined: 3/17/2014