



National Nuclear Security Administration Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



NEPA ID#: HEDLP 15-001-001

Proposed Action Title: NNS Wildland Fire Training Area (NV-2015-020)

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Nevada National Security Site (NNS), Nye County NV

Proposed Action Description:

The NNS Fire & Rescue Department is proposing to establish a Wildland Fire Training Area, to be located in area 23 adjacent to the Fire & Rescue Department's existing training facility. Activities such as mobile fire attack from moving Brush Engines (4X4 Fire Engines) and All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) would be used. All vehicles would stay on previously established paths and dirt roads. A trench area that extends southwest from the existing training area would be used for ATV and 4X4 Brush Engine drivers training. Pump and roll operations (water spraying while driving) from the Brush Engines and ATVs would be allowed with tank water only, for simulated fire situations. No foam applications would take place in the training area. Hand Crews would not cut line or vegetation in the training area. Burnout training would be conducted via simulated drip torch and flare operations. Personnel would also receive vehicle training in off-road environments by staying on established paths and dirt roads.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

10 CFR 1021: B.1.2 Training Exercises and Simulations

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: 11/17/2015