



# National Nuclear Security Administration Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



NEPA ID#: HEDLP 15-001-001

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Proposed Action Title: Mercury Characterization Activities (NV-2017-001)

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

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

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Proposed Action Description:

For this project, characterization activities would take place in Mercury, Nevada, located in Area 23 at the Nevada National Security Site. Results of the characterization activities would be used for planning purposes and in conjunction with subsequent NEPA analysis related to the Mercury Redevelopment Project. The scope of the characterization phase includes the following activities:

- Housekeeping and relocation of equipment and materials currently stored in cargo containers at the site near the former Environmental Restoration domes. Equipment would be consolidated into fewer cargo boxes, or removed to other facilities for reuse, or for excess. The remaining cargo boxes would be relocated across the street to another existing concrete pad in an area not included in this project.
  - Non-invasive site surveys (radiological, utility, land, biological, and cultural) would be conducted. These surveys would provide information to assist in evaluation and planning activities. Activities would be conducted in previously disturbed areas within Mercury.
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Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B.1.3 Routine Maintenance - housekeeping

B.3.1 (f) - Site Characterization

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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: Carrie Stewart

Date Determined: 10/06/2016