



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Categorical Exclusion ID#: NV-2023-020

Proposed Action Title: USAF North Las Vegas Facility Temporary Office Installation

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

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

Proposed Action Description

The proposed project would be for the Nevada National Security Site Management and Operating (M&O) Contractor to install up to five (5) USAF modular buildings on the NLVF on the north side of Atlas Road near the Losee Road intersection for USAF ongoing administrative operations at the NLVF. The proposed location of the five modular buildings would be adjacent to Building A-18 in a previously disturbed, paved area delineated with concrete barriers.

The five modular buildings will be delivered by a subcontractor via a flatbed truck in accordance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The sub-contractor will stage the equipment at the location delineated for these trailers next to Building A-18 and the M&O Contractor will complete the installation.

During the installation, a temporary security perimeter, a buffer zone, and appropriate space for construction lay-down and work area would be established within the vicinity of the proposed modular building locations. The location of the modular buildings will have a non-permanent, concrete barrier. The five modular buildings would be installed independently. The modular building(s) will be anchored, skirted, and connected to the existing utility services. No new utility trenching or power pole installation is required to connect the five modular buildings to utilities.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied

10 CFR 1021 B1.15 Support buildings

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021

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.



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To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:

- (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D;
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. The 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.

The classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, include the following conditions as integral elements of the classes of actions. To fit within the classes of actions in 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 of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

NEPA Compliance Officer Determination

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under NNSA NAP 451.1 and DOE P 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action and I have reviewed the proposal for integral elements. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances present and that the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.



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NEPA Compliance Officer: Patricia Gallo

Date Determined: March 24, 2023