

Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Categorical Exclusion ID#: NV-2025-018

Proposed Action Title: Offices, Unoccupied Buildings, and Non-Operating Facilities

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

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

Proposed Action Description

This checklist contains the review of activities that take place in offices, unoccupied buildings, and non-operating facilities at the NNSS, NLVF, RSL-Nellis, and other government-leased offices in Las Vegas. Office work would include the use of standard kitchen appliances, use of copiers, printers, shredders, office supply storage areas, computer rooms, elevators, equipment storage, and the storage and use of janitorial supplies.

Frequently unoccupied facilities would include those where workers may occasionally conduct minor work, take meter readings, make adjustments, retrieve stored materials, etc. Unoccupied facilities would also include structures such as water fill stands and loading ramps. Machinery and equipment may be stored in unoccupied facilities, as well as storage of various materials.

Non-operating and shutdown facilities would include infrastructure assets such as buildings, structures, fenced compounds, roads, utility systems, and parking lots that may have been operational in the past and have been deactivated or are in stand-by mode and are held for future use or until determined as excess to NNSA/NFO needs. Non-operating facilities are not continuously occupied or used for storage or staging.

Minor work indoors and in associated yards and storage buildings would include but not be limited to electronics repair, minor fabrication, equipment storage and repair, duplicating services, driving/parking areas, normal laundry facilities, food vending services, and minor use of shop tools/equipment.

Routine maintenance at these facilities would include but not be limited to: repairs to HVAC [heating, ventilation, and air conditioning] and power systems; resurfacing and restriping existing roads and parking areas; repairs to restroom facilities and lighting systems; repairs to potable water and sanitation systems, including retrofitting backflow prevention devices; excavation only to access utility lines and pipes; replacing ceiling tiles, carpeting, and flooring; painting of interior and exterior surfaces; moving property within and between buildings; pest and weed control through pesticide and herbicide application or blading already disturbed areas; putting fences in already disturbed areas; repair of existing transmission lines; reconfiguring rooms or placement of modular furniture; janitorial services; and placement of small concrete pads or sidewalks in previously disturbed areas.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied

10 CFR 1021: Appendix B, B1.3 Routine Maintenance and B1.15 Support Buildings



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For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021, and also Section 5.4 (Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal) and Appendices B and C of the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).

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

- (1) The proposal fits within one or more classes of actions listed in Appendix B and C of the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures;
- (2) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Segmentation can occur when a proposal is broken down into small parts in order to avoid the appearance of significance of the total action. However, segmentation does not include proposals that are developed and potentially implemented over multiple phases where each phase results in a decision whether to proceed to the subsequent phase; and
- (3) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that indicate a normally excluded agency action is likely to have a reasonably foreseeable significant adverse effect.

The classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, 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, 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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Patricia Gallo Date Determined: June 30, 2025