

U.S. Department of Energy, Carlsbad Field Office

RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION<sup>1</sup>

Description of Proposed Action

Removal of one Standard Waste Box and one drum of low-level waste resulting from remediation of a leaking cesium source used in WIPP operations for off-site treatment and disposal at a private facility authorized to accept that waste.

Number and Title of Applicable Categorical Exclusion

B6.1 - Small-scale, short-term cleanup actions under RCRA, Atomic Energy Act, or other authorities

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

(1) The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to Subpart D

For classes of actions listed in Appendix B, the following conditions are integral elements: i.e., to fit within a class, the proposal must not:

- (1) Threaten a violation of statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders
- (2) Require siting, construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities;
- (3) Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum/natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or
- (4) Adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)).<sup>2</sup>

(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 is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211

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 DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review

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08/10/2011

Signature

Date

NEPA Compliance Officer, Carlsbad Field Office

<sup>1</sup> May be incorporated in its entirety into other environmental review records.

<sup>2</sup> All reviews and discussions supporting the "not adversely affect" determination have been completed.