



**U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Legacy Management  
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form**



**Program or Field Office:** Office of Legacy Management

**Project Title and I.D. No.:** Routine monitoring, maintenance, and administrative actions at the Durango, CO, Disposal and Former Processing Sites. I.D. # LM 26-11

**Location:** Durango, Colorado

**Proposed Action or Project Description:**

This Determination Form provides the results of an evaluation of impacts associated with annual groundwater monitoring, quarterly air monitoring for radon gas, maintenance activities, and an annual site inspection. Existing public paved and gravel roads are used to access most work locations. Maintenance activities are necessary to maintain facility components and may include replacing perimeter signs, repairing fences, or replacing components related to the groundwater monitor wells. On an as-needed basis, tears in a liner for an evaporation pond are repaired by a specialized subcontractor. General administrative actions are needed to support site activities.

No protected resources would be impacted by any of these actions and no impacts were found to be associated with any of the routine activities.

**Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:**

B1.3: Routine maintenance activities: this criterion would apply to the various maintenance actions necessary to maintain system components.

B3.1: On-site and off-site characterization and environmental monitoring: This criterion would apply to the annual groundwater monitoring and quarterly air monitoring.

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 Part 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

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, 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 listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

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. This 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.

Based on my review of 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, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

*Lucy A. Ribeiro*  
**NEPA Compliance Officer:**

*04/13/12*  
**Date Determined:**