



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Central Training Facility and Office of Secure Transportation Fence Line Maintenance – CX-ORR-12-001

Program or Field Office: Oak Ridge Reservation

Location(s) (City/County/State): Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Proposed Action Description:

The Central Training Facility (CTF) and the Office of Secure Transportation (OST) staff propose to clear a fence line of brush and debris surrounding the perimeter of the training facility located on West Bear Creek Road. The fence is approximately ½ mile on the east and west side of the training facility and ¾ mile on the north and south side. During the past few years, vegetation has grown around the fence line and small trees have fallen into the fence causing damage to the fencing and the barbed wire surrounding the fence. The proposed action is for clearing an approximate 8-foot path on either side of the fence line surrounding the inside and outside of the fence. Brush, small trees (less than 1-½ inches in diameter), and debris would be cleared to ground level; and any trees that have fallen on the fence would be removed. After cutting away the vegetation and removal of fallen trees, any damaged fence or barbed wire would be repaired or replaced. A portion of the fence line clearing would be conducted in coordination with the OST, a neighboring facility located to the east of CTF. OST proposes to conduct similar brush and debris removal along perimeter fencing bordering its facility. Once the fence line has been cleared, appropriate signage for the facilities would be affixed to the fence.

The debris from the proposed activity would be chipped and placed on the ground or left in place for wildlife habitat enhancement, and clearing activities would be limited to the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the goals of the proposed action. Appropriate best management practices would be taken to prevent any debris from entering the small stream located near the fence.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.3 - Routine maintenance

B1.11 - Fencing

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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Signed by Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined: 11/5/2012