

RL-721 REV 4	NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM	Document ID Number: DOE/CX-00124, Rev 0
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I. Project Title:
MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Small-Scale Research and Development, Laboratory Operations, and Pilot Projects under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B3.6

II. Project Description and Location (including Time Period over which proposed action will occur and Project Dimensions - e.g., acres displaced/disturbed, excavation length/depth, area/location/number of buildings, etc.):

Mission Support Alliance (MSA) and its subcontractors perform siting, construction, modification, operation, and decommissioning of facilities for small-scale research and development projects; conventional laboratory operations; and small-scale pilot projects frequently conducted to verify a concept before demonstration actions, provided that construction or modification would be within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Not included are demonstration actions undertaken at a scale to show whether a technology would be viable on a larger scale and suitable for commercial deployment.

Research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services are addressed in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Attachment J.3. Buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services include those in Section J.13 and J.14 of the Mission Support Contract where MSA is the assigned contractor or provides services to other Hanford contractors. Research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services discussed in MSC-PRO-12115, "Work Management" are also included.

Plant and animal species will be reviewed for protection under the Endangered Species Act, candidates for protection, or listing by Washington State as threatened or endangered. Caution will be exercised during bird nesting season (mid-March to mid-July). If nesting birds, a pair of birds of the same species, or bird defensive behaviors are observed, an Ecological Resource Specialist will be contacted for further guidance.

Cultural resources will be reviewed for protection under the Historic Buildings Programmatic Agreement (DOE/RL-96-77), Historic Buildings Treatment Plan (DOE/RL-97-56), Cultural Resources Management Plan (DOE/RL-98-10), and other applicable requirements. Workers will be directed to watch for cultural materials (bones, stone tools, mussel shell, cans, bottles). If encountered, work near the discovery will stop until a Cultural Resource Specialist is contacted, the significance of the find assessed, appropriate Tribes notified, and mitigation arranged, as needed.

This is an annual CX as allowed by 10 CFR 1021 and must be reauthorized by the Hanford Site NEPA Compliance Officer one-year from the date of approval.

III. Reviews (if applicable):

Biological Review Report #: Obtained prior to initiating work per MSA and DOE-RL requirements.

Cultural Review Report #: Obtained prior to initiating work per MSA and DOE-RL requirements.

Additional Attachments: _____

IV. Existing NEPA Documentation	YES	NO
Is the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or under CERCLA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If "NO," proceed to Section V. If "YES," List EA, EIS, or CERCLA Document(s) Title and Number:
Not Applicable

And then complete Section VI. Provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information only. DOE NCO signature is not required.

V. Categorical Exclusion	YES	NO
Does the proposed action fall within a class of actions that is listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or result in cumulatively significant impacts (not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
List CX to be applied and complete Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements (where an action might fit within multiple CXs, use the CX that best fits the proposed action):		
10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B3.6, "R&D, Lab Operations, and Pilot Projects"		

Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements	YES	NO
Does the proposed action threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, or health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species such that the action is NOT contained or confined in a manner designed, operated, and conducted in accordance to applicable requirements to prevent unauthorized release into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "NO" to all Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, complete Section VI, and provide to DOE NCO for final Approval/ Determination and signature in Section VII.		
If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, contact DOE NCO for additional NEPA Review.		

VI. Responsible Contractor Signatures			
	Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
Initiator	Jerry W. Cammann, MSA NEPA SME	<i>JWCammann</i>	12/15/12
Cognizant Environmental Compliance Officer			

VII. Approval/Determination	
DOE NEPA Compliance Officer: <u>Woody Russell</u>	
Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) 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 action:	
NCO Determination - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CX <input type="checkbox"/> EA <input type="checkbox"/> EIS	
Signature: <u><i>Woody Russell</i></u>	Date: <u>12/15/12</u>