

**NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM**

**I. Project Title:**

MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Training Exercises and Simulations under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.2

**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 training exercises and simulations at designated Hanford training facilities (referred to hereafter as training). Training provides information and instructions to improve performance or attain a required level of knowledge or skill. Training includes, but may not be limited to, command posts and emergency control centers; dispatching field teams; force-on-force exercises; emergency vehicle operations and control; testing equipment; fire and spill emergencies; testing alarm systems; using metal and radiation detectors; and qualifying personnel for routine and emergency operations and maintenance activities.

Training is conducted primarily at designated indoor and outdoor training facilities at the Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response Training Complex (HAMMER), Patrol Training Academy, and Hanford Fire Departments. Training services include those in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Attachment J.3. Limited training may also be conducted at facilities identified 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.

Training uses simulation devices, whenever practical, and is conducted in previously disturbed or developed areas designated for such purposes. Signs, chalk, and ribbon markers are used to outline emergency exercise perimeters. This does not preclude the use of non-hazardous extinguishing agents and water during Hanford Fire Department training or live ammunition during Hanford Patrol training exercises conducted at existing Patrol Training Academy firing ranges.

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:

