

# Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:** Albany Substation Control House Floor Replacement

**Project Manager:** Janice Grounds

**Location:** Linn County, Oregon

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.3 Routine maintenance

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to install new flooring and remove the old asbestos containing tile and mastic in its Albany Substation control house. In addition, BPA proposes to remove interior wall mounted heaters, replace floor molding, and paint walls inside of the control house. All work is proposed inside of the control house and no ground disturbance is proposed.

**Findings:** In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D (see attached Environmental Checklist);
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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Date: August 10, 2015

Attachment: Environmental Checklist

## Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

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### Project Site Description

The Albany Substation is located on BPA fee-owned land in Linn County, Oregon. The floor replacement will occur entirely within the control house.

### Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. <b>Historic and Cultural Resources</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The floor replacement and heater removal has no potential to effect historic properties or cultural resources.		
2. <b>Geology and Soils</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance proposed.		
3. <b>Plants</b> (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No impacts to plants.		
4. <b>Wildlife</b> (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No impacts to wildlife.		
5. <b>Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish</b> (including federal/state special-status species and ESUs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No impacts to waterbodies, floodplains, or fish proposed.		
6. <b>Wetlands</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No impacts to wetlands proposed.		

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**



Explanation: No ground disturbance proposed.

8. **Land Use and Specially Designated Areas**



Explanation: All work on existing BPA fee-owned property within an existing substation.

9. **Visual Quality**



Explanation: No proposed exterior building modifications that would affect visual quality proposed.

10. **Air Quality**



Explanation: No ground disturbance or building modifications that would affect air quality proposed.

11. **Noise**



Explanation: No increase in noise anticipated.

12. **Human Health and Safety**



Explanation: All asbestos would be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations by an ODEQ licensed abatement contractor. A positive impact to human health and safety would occur by removing asbestos-containing materials and eliminating tripping hazards associated with current flooring materials that are loose or peeling.

### **Evaluation of Other Integral Elements**

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion. The project would not:

- Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

- 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.

Explanation, if necessary: All asbestos would be removed and disposed of in accordance with applicable regulations by an ODEQ licensed abatement contractor.

- 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 of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation, if necessary:

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**Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination**

No notification. All work on BPA fee-owned property.

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Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on any environmentally sensitive resources.

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping

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