

**NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM  
for Actions Included in CXs**

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DOE/CX-00171

**I. Project Title:**

MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Fiber Optic Cable under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B4.7 for Calendar Year 2018

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Mission Support Alliance (MSA) and its subcontractors perform addition of fiber optic cable to transmission facilities or burying fiber optic cable in existing powerline or pipeline rights-of-way. Covered actions may include associated vaults and pulling and tensioning sites outside of rights-of-way in nearby previously disturbed or developed areas.

Actions performed under this Annual CX include, but may not be limited to, those listed in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Section J.3, "Hanford Site Services and Interface Requirements Matrix" and implementing protocols, policies, and procedures. The buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to this Annual CX include, but may not be limited to, those listed in Sections J.13, "Hanford Site Structures List" and J.14, "Hanford Waste Site Assignment List" where MSA is the assigned contractor or provides services to other Hanford contractors. The MSA contract includes the original contract and subsequent modifications/amendments executed to adjust the terms, conditions, and other requirements contained therein.

Actions performed under this Annual CX shall not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This Annual CX shall only be applied to recurring actions that meet the requirements (i.e., 10 CFR 1021.410) and conditions that are "integral elements" (i.e., 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B) for categorically excluding actions under the provisions of the NEPA regulations. Actions shall fit the definition for the categorical exclusion, there shall be no extraordinary circumstances where normally excluded actions may have significant effects, and actions shall not be segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Categorically excluded actions include foreseeable activities necessary to implement the action (i.e., contract awards, site preparation, purchase/installation of equipment, and transportation activities).

To avoid extraordinary circumstances potentially affecting ecological resources, ecological resources reviews shall be performed in accordance with established protocols, policies, and procedures to identify plant and animal species for protection under the Endangered Species Act, candidates for protection, or listing by federal or state agencies as threatened or endangered consistent with DOE/RL-96-32, "Hanford Site Biological Resources Management Plan" or other applicable guidance documents and agreements. Caution shall be exercised during the bird nesting season (mid-March to mid-July). If nesting birds, pair of birds of the same species, or bird defensive behaviors is observed, then work shall stop and a qualified Ecological Resources Specialist shall be contacted for guidance. Actions that potentially affect ecological resources shall require a resources review and clearance before proceeding. This includes, but may not be limited to, actions that require an excavation permit; disturb the ground; remove or modify dead or living vegetative cover; occur within a Bald Eagle exclusion zone; expand roadways/parking lots; require off-road travel; involve unusual noise, light, or chemicals that may affect wildlife; located on the Hanford Reach National Monument; located in a posted ecologically sensitive area; conducted on the outside of structures; conducted in abandoned structures; and have the potential to alter or affect the living environment. If an ecological resources review determines potentially adverse impacts, then appropriate mitigation actions shall be identified and implemented to avoid, minimize, eliminate, rectify, or compensate the impacts.

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To avoid extraordinary circumstances potentially affecting cultural resources, cultural resource reviews shall be performed in accordance with established protocols, policies, and procedures to identify resource protection consistent with the "Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Department of Energy, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Washington State Historic Preservation Office for Maintenance, Deactivation, Alteration, and Demolition of the Built Environment on the Hanford Site" (DOE/RL-96-77); the "Hanford Site Manhattan Project and Cold War Era Historic District Treatment Plan" (DOE/RL-97-56); the "Cultural Resources Management Plan" (DOE/RL-98-10), and other applicable guidance documents and agreements (e.g., "Gable Mountain and Gable Butte Management Plan" [DOE/ RL-2008-17]). Cultural sensitivity shall be determined using site location topographic maps, geographic information system databases, and/or pedestrian surveys to identify proximity to cultural resources (i.e., historic buildings, traditional cultural properties, artifacts, and previously recorded archaeological sites). Actions located within the geographic boundary of a significant cultural resource or historic property, Traditional Cultural Property (including but not limited to Rattlesnake Mountain, Gable Mountain, Gable Butte, Mooli Mooli, and other undocumented areas), cemetery or burial, or within 400 meters of the Columbia River may be located in culturally sensitive areas. DOE/RL-96-77 exempts from cultural resource review certain actions that take place indoors or do not affect certain facilities identified in Tables A.5 through A.7 of DOE/RL-97-56. These actions are listed in Stipulation III of DOE/RL-96-77 and include, but may not be limited to, routine maintenance; replacement in kind; refinishing in kind; energy conservation measures; security and personal safety systems; actions associated with post-cold war buildings and structures; asbestos abatement actions; and facility transition actions to deactivate, de-energize, or isolate systems. Exemptions are also provided for mobile trailers, modular buildings, subsurface structures, storage tanks, wells/boreholes, and towers. If the action affects a facility that appears in Tables A.5 or A.6 of DOE/RL-97-56 and the undertaking is not exempt based on Section III.B of DOE/RL-96-77, then a cultural resource review shall be performed. Historic structures or locations that require cultural resource review and clearance include, but may not be limited to, The Hanford Site Manhattan Project National Historic Park, including the Bruggeman Agricultural Complex Warehouse, White Bluffs Bank, Hanford High School, B Reactor and Hanford Irrigation District Pump House. Other historic structures and locations include, the White Bluffs Log Cabin, Hanford Townsite, Hanford Substation, White Bluffs Townsite, AAA Military Camps, NIKE Missile Base, and selected historic buildings. Workers shall be directed to watch for cultural materials (i.e., bones, stone tools, mussel shell, cans, bottles, etc.). If encountered, then work near the discovery shall stop until a qualified Cultural Resource Specialist is contacted, the significance of the find determined, appropriate Tribes notified, and mitigation arranged and implemented, as needed.

It shall be incumbent upon the Environmental Compliance Officers, NEPA Subject Matter Experts, or other NEPA trained individuals to ensure that the requirements and conditions discussed herein are met prior to applying this Annual CX to actions. They shall also be responsible for ensuring that no extraordinary circumstances exist where normally excluded actions may have significant effects on the human environment.

This Annual CX is approved pursuant to 10 CFR 1021.410(f) in which proposed recurring actions undertaken during a specified time period, such as routine maintenance for a year, may be addressed in a single categorical exclusion determination after considering the potential aggregated impacts to ensure no extraordinary circumstances exist. This Annual CX shall be reauthorized for use by the Hanford NEPA Compliance Officer each calendar year.

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**III. Applicable Reviews (attach to NRSF):**

Biological Review Report #: See Section II

Cultural Review Report #: See Section II

Additional Attachments:

None.

**IV. Existing Documentation:**

Are the impacts of the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or CERCLA document?  Yes  No

If "YES", use Site Form A-6006-948, *Actions Adequately Evaluated in NEPA or CERCLA Document*

**V. Categorical Exclusion:**

Does the proposed action fall within a category of actions that is listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021? If extraordinary circumstances or integral elements would preclude the use of a CX, check "No".  Yes  No

Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?  Yes  No

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)?  Yes  No

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, B4.7, "Fiber Optic Cable"

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**Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements:**

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| Would 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"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would 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"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would 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 with applicable requirements to prevent unauthorized release into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

If "NO" to all Integral Elements questions above, complete Section VI, and provide NRSF to DOE NCO for review.  
If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, contact DOE NCO for additional NEPA Review.

**VI. Responsible Contractor Signatures:**

**Initiator:**

Jerry W. Cammann, MSA NARCS (See Below)  
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 Name *Print* Signature Date

**NEPA Subject Matter Expert:**

Jerry W. Cammann, MSA NEPA-SME *Jerry W. Cammann* *11/6/2017*  
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 Name *Print* Signature Date

**VII. DOE Approval/Determination**

DOE NEPA Compliance Officer: Diori L. Kreske, Office of Chief Counsel

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), the proposed action fits within the specified class of action:

NCO Determination:  CX      \*NCO Recommendation:  EA     EIS

*Diori Kreske* *11/9/17*  
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 Signature Date

\*NRSF A-6006-950 would be completed by responsible contractor