

NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM 3A
Actions Likely to be Categorically Excluded

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I. Project Title:

PNNL Annual Categorical Exclusion for Transfer Actions under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, Bl.30.

II. Describe the proposed action, including location, time period over which proposed action will occur, project dimension (e.g., acres displaced/disturbed, excavation length/depth), and area/location/number of buildings. Attach narratives, maps and drawings of proposed action if doing so will assist in DOE's evaluation. Describe existing environmental conditions and potential for environmental impacts from the proposed action. If the proposed action is not a project, describe the action or plan.

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and its subcontractors perform transfer actions, in which the predominant activity is transportation, provided that (1) the receipt and storage capacity and management capability for the amount and type of materials, equipment, or waste to be moved already exists at the receiving site and (2) all necessary facilities and operations at the receiving site are already permitted, licensed, or approved, as appropriate. Such transfers are not regularly scheduled as part of ongoing routine operations.

Material, equipment, and waste will be processed for safe and regulatory compliant transportation to avoid unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. Material, equipment, or waste transportation will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation and other applicable regulations. Proposed actions include those necessary to implement transportation such as packaging, container handling, material storage, waste management, and equipment maintenance.

Material, equipment, and waste would be transferred from PNNL-operated facilities on the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington, to the Waste Control Specialists Facility in Andrews, Texas. To qualify under this CX the PNNL shipment must comply with the receiving facility's waste acceptance criteria; this will assure that the facility has the capacity and capability to receive and manage the materials, equipment, or waste. The Waste Control Specialists Facility is enrolled in the Department of Energy Consolidated Audit Program (DOECAP); this assures that the site has all permits, licenses, or approvals appropriate to the materials, equipment, or waste to be transferred.

The buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to this Annual CX include those listed in Table 2 of the Operational Agreement between the Office of Science, Pacific Northwest Site Office, and the Office of Environmental Management, Richland Operations Office, Revision 2, December 2015.

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 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. There shall be no extraordinary circumstances where normally excluded actions may have significant effects on the human environment.

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.

To avoid extraordinary circumstances potentially affecting cultural resources, cultural resource

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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" (OOE/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 II 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.

PNNL uses an Electronic Prep and Risk (EPR) System to screen project impacts. It shall be incumbent upon the Environmental Compliance Officers, NEPA Subject Matter Expert, or other NEPA trained individuals to assure that the requirements and conditions discussed herein are met prior to applying this Annual CX to PNNL actions. They shall also be responsible for assuring 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.

III. Existing Evaluations (Attach them):

Ecological Review Report No. and Title:

Cultural Review Report No. and Title:

Maps:

Other Attachments:

IV. Integral Elements and Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
Does the proposed action fall within one or more of the actions listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021 and is thus categorically excluded (CX)? List applicable CX(s): B1.30 Transfer Actions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are there extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal, such as those set forth in 10 CFR 1021.410(2)? If yes, describe them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts, or that could result in cumulatively significant impacts? If yes, describe them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Would the proposed action threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements related to the environment, safety, health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Would the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Would the proposed action disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or natural gas products already in the environment such that there might be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Would the proposed action have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources? See examples in Appendix B(4) to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
If "No" to all questions above, complete Section V, and provide NRSF to DOE NCO for review. If "Yes" to any of the questions above, contact DOE NCO for additional NEPA review.		

V. Responsible Organization's Signatures:

Initiator:

Michael R. Sackschewsky		6/26/18
<i>Print First and Last Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Cognizant Program/Project Representative:

<i>Print First and Last Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

VI. DOE NEPA Compliance Officer Approval/Determination:

Based on my review of information conveyed to me concerning the proposed action, the proposed action fits within the specified CX(s): Yes No

Diori Kreske		6/27/18
<i>Print First and Last Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

NCO Comments: