

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

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I. Project Title:

Annual Categorical Exclusion for PNNL projects involving outdoor tests and experiments on materials and equipment components on the Hanford Site(B3.11)

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 outdoor tests and experiments for the development, quality assurance, or reliability of materials, processes, and equipment under controlled conditions. Many of the proposed activities are focused on verifying the capabilities of newly developed technologies or adapting existing technologies for new uses. Covered activities would include, but not be limited to, burn tests, impact tests, drop tests, puncture tests, water-immersion tests, thermal tests, and other studies and experiments. Covered activities would also include any related indoor laboratory work, including, but not limited to, design, modification, and experiments on the same or similar materials and equipment components. Covered actions would not involve source, special nuclear, or byproduct materials, except encapsulated sources manufactured to applicable standards that contain source, special nuclear, or byproduct materials may be used for non-destructive actions such as detector/sensor development and testing and first responder field training. The proposed action would also include those activities foreseeably necessary for project implementation, such as associated transportation; equipment setup, maintenance, and calibration; waste analysis, storage, repackaging, and disposal; and award of grants and contracts.

The facilities associated with these projects must provide appropriate safety systems, exhaust ventilation, air filtration, and other confinement or control appropriate to the nature of the materials and equipment used in the operation. Associated actions could include minor modifications to facilities, equipment, and instruments if in direct support of the outdoor tests and experiments.

Covered and associated activities may result in noise, air emission, liquid effluent, and waste generation. These will be managed in accordance to and in compliance with DOE orders and federal or state regulations and guidelines, or with applicable permits. In all instances, the demand for resources and environmental impacts resulting from implementation of these proposed activities would be small and temporary in nature.

The actions covered under this Annual CX would occur within the 300 Area of the Hanford Site. If PNNL proposes similar activities at other locations on the Hanford Site, it will follow the Site Evaluation and inter-contractor coordination procedures described in 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

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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 resources 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 sites, or within 400 meters of the Columbia River may be located in culturally sensitive areas.

DOE/RL-96-77 exempts from cultural resources 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 resources review shall be performed.

Historic structures or locations that require cultural resources 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.

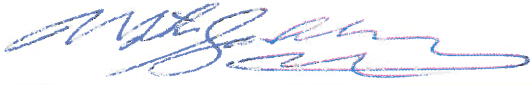
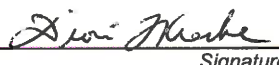
Workers shall be directed to watch for cultural materials (i.e., bones, stone tools, mussel shells, cans, bottles, etc.). If encountered, then work near the discovery shall stop until a qualified Cultural Resource Specialist is contacted, the significance of the find determined, appropriate Tribes notified, 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) which states that "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 assure no extraordinary circumstances exist. This annual CX will expire one year from the date authorized by the Hanford NEPA Compliance Officer and will require reauthorization on an annual basis.

III. Existing Evaluations (Attach them):

Ecological Review Report No. and Title:

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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):	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B3.11 Outdoor Tests and Experiments on Materials and Equipment Components		
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:		
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<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): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Diori Kreske		6/27/18
<i>Print First and Last Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
NCO Comments:		