



National Nuclear Security Administration Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



NEPA ID#: NA-19-0008

Proposed Action Title: World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) 2019-2022 Work Programme in Support of NNSA' Strategic Objectives

Program or Field Office: NNSA/Office of Global Material Security (GMS), NA-21

Location(s) (City/County/State): Various locations

Proposed Action Description:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Global Material Security, proposes to provide financial assistance to the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) to provide continued support for its efforts to broaden its participatory base and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of security arrangements for nuclear and radioactive materials. WINS' key objective is to provide effective mechanisms whereby individuals and organizations become aware of best nuclear security practices, understand the risks at their facilities, obtain substantive professional development opportunities to underpin their security accountabilities and responsibilities, become third-party certified nuclear security professionals, and ultimately apply their knowledge and expertise to strengthen nuclear and radiological security programs in a sustainable manner.

WINS would use the funding to conduct international operational consultation sessions (IOCSs) and exercises, to test and evaluate the efficacy of security practices, to develop and administer trainings/conferences, and to prepare best practice guides based on a consensus view within the community of practitioners. The resulting web-based products would identify and provide effective guidance on generic problems with nuclear security implementation and reduce the threat of theft or diversion and, subsequently, malevolent use of such materials. WINS does not engage in or have any responsibility for physical security upgrades or associated project management type activities.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

- A 9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination
 - A 11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations
 - A 12 Emergency preparedness planning
 - B 1.2 Training exercises and simulations
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For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart

D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) 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; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) 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.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under NNSA NAP 451.1 and DOE P 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action and that other-regulatory requirements set forth above are met. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Amy Miller

Date Determined: 3/19/2019