



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Determination Form



Proposed Action Title: Categorical Exclusion for Hazardous Waste Permit Modification to Create a Treatment and Storage Facility

Program or Field Office: Los Alamos Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Technical Area 60 Building 17, Los Alamos, NM

Proposed Action Description

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) proposes to use Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Technical Area (TA) 60 Building 17 as a treatment and storage facility (TSF). LANL's primary TSF at Area L is used for the short term storage and overpacking for remediation wastes, or wastes generated from remediation efforts, and is not readily available for short-term storage and overpacking of mission essential wastes. DOE/NNSA requires a TSF for wastes generated from mission essential operations (i.e. wastes resulting from research and manufacturing activities). DOE/NNSA is submitting a request to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Hazardous Waste Bureau for a Class 2 permit modification to the LANL Hazardous Waste Facility Permit as required by 40 CFR 270.42. The permit modification requests the use of TA 60 Building 17 as a permitted hazardous waste management unit.

NEPA Analysis

The proposed action as described above meets the conditions that are integral elements of 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B6.5 *Facilities for Characterizing and Sorting Packaged Waste or Overpacking Waste & B6.10 Upgraded or replacement waste storage facilities*. This determination is made pursuant to the 42 U.S. Code § 4321 et seq., the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA [40 CFR 1500-1508], and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures [10 CFR 1021].

NEPA Compliance Officer Determination

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 Policy 451.1 *National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program* and DOE Policy 451.1 *National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program*, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the class of action specified at 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B6.5 and 6.10.1. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances present and that the proposal has not been segmented. I approve the proposed project under 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B6.5 and 6.10.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: