



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
NEPA Determination Form



Proposed Action Title: Categorical Exclusion for Leasing Laboratory Space

Program or Field Office: Los Alamos Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and Santa Fe Counties, NM

Proposed Action Description

The Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration proposes to lease previously developed property to provide laboratory space for bioscience research within a 50-mile radius of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), which may include existing structures located in Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, and Santa Fe Counties. Multiple properties may be needed to meet LANL needs. Properties will be previously developed with facilities designed for research involving the study of cellular components, biofuels, genomic sequencing, and pathogen biology. No radiological work would be permitted at property leased for laboratory space. Activities occurring within the leased space would be conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements and best practices for no more than a Biosafety Level 2 facility and would be designed in accordance with CDC guidelines. The proposed action does not include the construction of facilities or other structures to meet LANL needs or any changes in local land use and zoning. All structures and infrastructure will be pre-existing and consistent with current uses.

NEPA Analysis

10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B1.24 (Transfer property) and B3.12 (Microbiological and biomedical facilities). This determination is made pursuant to the NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.], the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA [40 CFR 1500], 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 NAP 451.1 and DOE P 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the class of action specified at 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B1.24 and B3.12. 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 B1.24 and B3.12. This determination is made pursuant to the NEPA [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.], the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA [40 CFR 1500], and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures [10 CFR 1021].

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: