



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Categorical Exclusion ID#: NV-2022-005

Proposed Action Title: Remote Sensing Laboratory San Diego

Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Information Warfare Training Center, San Diego County, CA

Proposed Action Description

The mission of the Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL) is to provide a broad range of scientific, technological, and operational disciplines with core competencies in Remote Sensing, Nuclear Emergency Response, and Support and Applied Science and Technologies in support of national security.

The RSL San Diego (RSLSD) Team executes both Strategic Partnership Programs and Strategic Intelligence Partnership Programs. RSLSD supports the execution of ongoing and future programs and projects in a Technical Direction Agent and subject matter expert role, crossing multi-discipline Command, Control Communication, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance/Information Operations, Electronic Warfare/Cyber domains, and boundaries.

There are specific and detailed requirements for residing in U.S. Department of Defense, Government-owned, secure facilities and environments that offer multiple levels of classification and direct access to multi-level-secure high-bandwidth communications networks and cross-agency domains. RSLSD is a tenant at the Information Warfare Training Center (IWTC) Taylor Hall (Building 564) building at Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego.

The physical space is located at 3955 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 92101 within Taylor Hall. Taylor Hall is constructed of concrete blocks. The roof and ceiling are of steel frame construction. RSL-SD occupies Room 162, which consists of 625 square feet of space. It is made up of flat screens, and moveable and fixed desks. It can be rearranged to be an office area, classroom venue, or laboratory area. It has computers, as well as a conference table. It has two fiber-filled cabinets that support the communication networks.

Taylor Hall, Building 564, is designated as a restricted area. A system of controlled access is in effect at all times. Individuals entering the building must possess a SECRET or higher-level clearance for access or must always remain under escort.

Since RSLSD is a tenant of the IWTC Taylor Hall Building 564, there is minimal if any environmental impact. It is strictly an office/classroom setting/cyber laboratory. The military is responsible for picking up the paper waste from the building. RSLSD has no chemicals stored in the building. The backup system (generator and uninterruptible power supply system) for the building is maintained and controlled by the military.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied

B.3-6 Small scale research and development, laboratory, operations, and pilot projects



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Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021

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.

To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:

- (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D;
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. The 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.

The classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, include the following conditions as integral elements of the classes of actions. To fit within the classes of actions in 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.

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 specified class(es) of action and I have reviewed the proposal for integral elements. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances present and that the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.