

**U.S. Department of Energy
Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office**

Naval Reactors Facility

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CX)
Determination Summary Form

Naval Reactors Facility Classified Islands Project General Plant Project

REFERENCE

10 CFR Part 1021, Department of Energy, National Environmental Policy Act
Implementing Procedures, Subpart D, Typical Classes of Actions

PROJECT SCOPE DISCUSSION

The Naval Reactors Facility Classified Islands General Plant Project was developed to establish areas within the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) that will operate as classified Vault Type Rooms (VTRs) within an otherwise unclassified facility. Several buildings at NRF will need to be modified in order to establish the VTRs. The modifications include replacing access doors, installing electrical and communication infrastructure, installing vestibules outside of select buildings, and installing secure lockers to store portable electronic devices. In addition to these activities, NRF will make minor modifications to ceilings, floors, and windows of some buildings to meet applicable requirements.

The Naval Reactors Facility Classified Islands General Plant Project does not violate applicable regulatory requirements, require construction or major expansion of waste handling facilities, result in unpermitted release of hazardous substances, or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources, including wetlands. The project does not involve genetically engineered organisms or species. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action. The project has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion and is not connected to other actions with potentially significant and/or cumulative impacts.

CONCLUSION

The Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) Classified Islands General Plant Project is categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation under 10 CFR 1021 Subpart D, Appendix B, as follows:

B1.3, *Routine maintenance*, includes, "Routine maintenance activities and custodial services for buildings, structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures (including, but not limited to, pathways, roads, and railroads), vehicles and equipment, and localized vegetation and pest control, during which operations may be suspended and resumed, provided that the activities would be conducted in a manner in accordance with applicable requirements. Custodial services are activities to preserve facility appearance, working conditions, and sanitation (such as cleaning, window washing,

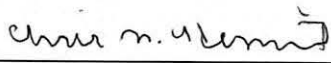
lawn mowing, trash collection, painting, and snow removal). Routine maintenance activities, corrective (that is, repair), preventive, and predictive, are required to maintain and preserve buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment in a condition suitable for a facility to be used for its designated purpose. Such maintenance may occur as a result of severe weather (such as hurricanes, floods, and tornados), wildfires, and other such events. Routine maintenance may result in replacement to the extent that replacement is in-kind and is not a substantial upgrade or improvement. In-kind replacement includes installation of new components to replace outmoded components, provided that the replacement does not result in a significant change in the expected useful life, design capacity, or function of the facility. Routine maintenance does not include replacement of a major component that significantly extends the originally intended useful life of a facility (for example, it does not include the replacement of a reactor vessel near the end of its useful life). Routine maintenance activities include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Repair or replacement of facility equipment, such as lathes, mills, pumps, and presses;
- (b) Door and window repair or replacement;
- (c) Wall, ceiling, or floor repair or replacement;
- (d) Reroofing;
- (e) Plumbing, electrical utility, lighting, and telephone service repair or replacement;
- (f) Routine replacement of high-efficiency particulate filters;
- (g) Inspection and/or treatment of currently installed utility poles;
- (h) Repair of road embankments;
- (i) Repair or replacement of fire protection sprinkler systems;
- (j) Road and parking area resurfacing, including construction of temporary access to facilitate resurfacing, and scraping and grading of unpaved surfaces;
- (k) Erosion control and soil stabilization measures (such as reseeding, gabions, grading, and revegetation);
- (l) Surveillance and maintenance of surplus facilities in accordance with DOE Order 435.1, "Radioactive Waste Management," or its successor;
- (m) Repair and maintenance of transmission facilities, such as replacement of conductors of the same nominal voltage, poles, circuit breakers, transformers, capacitors, crossarms, insulators, and downed powerlines, in accordance, where appropriate, with 40 CFR part 761 (Polychlorinated Biphenyls Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce, and Use Prohibitions), or its successor;
- (n) Routine testing and calibration of facility components, subsystems, or portable equipment (such as control valves, in-core monitoring devices, transformers, capacitors, monitoring wells, lysimeters, weather stations, and flumes);
- (o) Routine decontamination of the surfaces of equipment, rooms, hot cells, or other interior surfaces of buildings (by such activities as wiping with rags, using strippable latex, and minor vacuuming), and removal of contaminated

intact equipment and other material (not including spent nuclear fuel or special nuclear material in nuclear reactors); and
(p) Removal of debris.”

B1.7, *Electronic Equipment*, includes “Acquisition, installation, operation, modification, and removal of electricity transmission control and monitoring devices for grid demand and response, communication systems, data processing equipment, and similar electronic equipment.”

B1.31, *Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment*, includes “Installation or relocation and operation of machinery and equipment (including, but not limited to, laboratory equipment, electronic hardware, manufacturing machinery, maintenance equipment, and health and safety equipment), provided that uses of the installed or relocated items are consistent with the general missions of the receiving structure. Covered actions include modifications to an existing building, within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area, that are necessary for equipment installation and relocation. Such modifications would not appreciably increase the footprint or height of the existing building, or have the potential to cause significant changes to the type and magnitude of environmental impacts.”

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