

**NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM**

**I. Project Title:**

MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Site Characterization and Environmental Monitoring under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B3.1 for Calendar Year 2014

**II. Project Description and Location (including Time Period over which proposed action will occur and Project Dimensions - e.g., acres displaced/disturbed, excavation length/depth, area/location/number of buildings, etc.):**

Mission Support Alliance (MSA) and its subcontractors perform site characterization and environmental monitoring (including, but not limited to, siting, construction, modification, operation, and dismantlement and removal or otherwise proper closure (such as of a well) of characterization and monitoring devices, and siting, construction, and associated operation of a small-scale laboratory building or renovation of a room in an existing building for sample analysis). Such actions would be designed in conformance with applicable requirements and use best management practices to limit the potential effects of any resultant ground disturbance. Covered actions include, but are not limited to, site characterization and environmental monitoring under CERCLA and RCRA. (This class of actions excludes activities in aquatic environments.) Specific actions include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Geological, geophysical (such as gravity, magnetic, electrical, seismic, radar, and temperature gradient), geochemical, and engineering surveys and mapping, and the establishment of survey marks. Seismic techniques would not include large-scale reflection or refraction testing;
- (b) Installation and operation of field instruments (such as stream gaging stations or flow-measuring devices, telemetry systems, geochemical monitoring tools, and geophysical exploration tools);
- (c) Drilling of wells for sampling or monitoring of groundwater or the vadose (unsaturated) zone, well logging, and installation of water-level recording devices in wells;
- (d) Aquifer and underground reservoir response testing;
- (e) Installation and operation of ambient air monitoring equipment;
- (f) Sampling and characterization of water, soil, rock, or contaminants (such as drilling using truck- or mobile-scale equipment, and modification, use, and plugging of boreholes);
- (g) Sampling and characterization of water effluents, air emissions, or solid waste streams;
- (h) Installation and operation of meteorological towers and associated activities (such as assessment of potential wind energy resources);
- (i) Sampling of flora or fauna;
- (j) Archaeological, historic, and cultural resource identification in compliance with 36 CFR part 800 and 43 CFR part 7.

Actions performed under this Annual CX include, but may not be limited to, those listed in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Section J.3, "Hanford Site Services and Interface Requirements Matrix" and implementing protocols, policies, and procedures. The buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to this Annual CX include, but may not be limited to, those listed in Sections J.13, "Hanford Site Structures List" and J.14, "Hanford Waste Site Assignment List" where MSA is the assigned contractor or provides services to other Hanford contractors. The MSA contract includes the original contract and subsequent modifications/amendments executed to adjust the terms, conditions, and other requirements contained therein.

Actions performed under this Annual CX shall not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This Annual CX shall only be applied to actions that meet the requirements (i.e., 10 CFR 1021.410) and conditions that are "integral elements" (i.e., 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B) for categorically excluding actions under the provisions of the NEPA regulations. There shall be no extraordinary circumstances where normally excluded actions may have significant effects on the human environment.

To avoid extraordinary circumstances potentially affecting ecological resources, ecological resources reviews shall be performed in accordance with established protocols, policies, and procedures to identify plant and animal species for protection under the Endangered Species Act, candidates for protection, or listing by federal or state agencies as threatened or endangered consistent with DOE/RL-96-32, "Hanford Site Biological Resources Management Plan" or other applicable guidance documents and agreements. Caution shall be exercised during the bird nesting season (mid-March to mid-July). If nesting birds, pair of birds of the same species, or bird defensive behaviors is observed, then work shall stop

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and a qualified Ecological Resources Specialist shall be contacted for guidance. Actions that potentially affect ecological resources shall require a resources review and clearance before proceeding. This includes, but may not be limited to, actions that require an excavation permit; disturb the ground; remove or modify dead or living vegetative cover; occur within a Bald Eagle exclusion zone; expand roadways/parking lots; require off-road travel; involve unusual noise, light, or chemicals that may affect wildlife; located on the Hanford Reach National Monument; located in a posted ecologically sensitive area; conducted on the outside of structures; conducted in abandoned structures; and have the potential to alter or affect the living environment. If an ecological resources review determines potentially adverse impacts, then appropriate mitigation actions shall be identified and implemented to avoid, minimize, eliminate, rectify, or compensate the impacts.

To avoid extraordinary circumstances potentially affecting cultural resources, cultural resources reviews shall be performed in accordance with established protocols, policies, and procedures to identify resource protection consistent with the "Programmatic Agreement among the U.S. Department of Energy, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Washington State Historic Preservation Office for Maintenance, Deactivation, Alteration, and Demolition of the Built Environment on the Hanford Site" (DOE/RL-96-77); the "Hanford Site Manhattan Project and Cold War Era Historic District Treatment Plan" (DOE/RL-97-56); the "Cultural Resources Management Plan" (DOE/RL-98-10), and other applicable guidance documents and agreements (e.g., "Gable Mountain and Gable Butte Management Plan" [DOE/RL-2008-17]). Cultural sensitivity shall be determined using site location topographic maps, geographic information system databases, and/or pedestrian surveys to identify proximity to cultural resources (i.e., historic buildings, traditional cultural properties, artifacts, and previously recorded archaeological sites). Actions located adjacent to, on, or within the view shed of Hanford's prominent land forms (i.e., Gable Butte, Gable Mountain, Rattlesnake Mountain, Umtanum Ridge, etc.) and within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River are considered to be located in culturally sensitive areas. DOE/RL-96-77 exempts from cultural resources review certain actions that take place indoors or do not affect certain facilities identified in Tables A.5 through A.7 of DOE/RL-97-56. These actions are listed in Stipulation III of DOE/RL-96-77 and include, but may not be limited to, routine maintenance; replacement in kind; refinishing in kind; energy conservation measures; security and personal safety systems; actions associated with post-cold war buildings and structures; asbestos abatement actions; and facility transition actions to deactivate, de-energize, or isolate systems. Exemptions are also provided for mobile trailers, modular buildings, subsurface structures, storage tanks, wells/boreholes, and towers. If the action affects a facility that appears in Tables A.5 or A.6 of DOE/RL-97-56 and the undertaking is not exempt based on Section III.B of DOE/RL-96-77, then a cultural resources review shall be performed. Historic structures or locations that require cultural resources review and clearance include, but may not be limited to, Bruggeman Warehouse/Ranch, Allard Pump House, White Bluffs Log Cabin, Hanford Townsite, Hanford High School, Hanford Substation, White Bluffs Townsite, White Bluffs Bank, AAA Military Camps, NIKE Missile Base, and selected historic buildings (303-A, 314, 305, 1116-N, 212-N, 181-B, 105-B, 116-B, 276-B, 222-T, 221-T, 291-T, 183-KW, 234-5Z, 291-Z, 232-Z, and 2736-Z). Workers shall be directed to watch for cultural materials (i.e., bones, stone tools, mussel shell, cans, bottles, etc.). If encountered, then work near the discovery shall stop until a qualified Cultural Resource Specialist is contacted, the significance of the find determined, appropriate Tribes notified, and mitigation arranged and implemented, as needed.

It shall be incumbent upon the Environmental Compliance Officers, NEPA Subject Matter Experts, or other NEPA trained individuals to ensure that the requirements and conditions discussed herein are met prior to applying this Annual CX to actions. They shall also be responsible for ensuring that no extraordinary circumstances exist where normally excluded actions may have significant effects on the human environment.

This Annual CX is approved pursuant to 10 CFR 1021.410(f) in which proposed recurring actions undertaken during a specified time period, such as routine maintenance for a year, may be addressed in a single categorical exclusion determination after considering the potential aggregated impacts to ensure no extraordinary circumstances exist. This Annual CX shall be reauthorized for use by the Hanford NEPA Compliance Officer each calendar year.

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<b>III. Reviews (if applicable):</b>			
Biological Review Report #: <u>Biological review/clearance required as discussed in Section II.</u>			
Cultural Review Report #: <u>Cultural review/clearance required as discussed in Section II.</u>			
Additional Attachments: <u>Biological resource reviews conducted per DOE/RL-96-32; Cultural resource reviews conducted per DOE/RL-96-77, DOE/RL-97-56, DOE/RL-98-10; and other requirements as applicable.</u>			
<b>IV. Existing NEPA Documentation</b>			YES    NO
Is the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or under CERCLA?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "NO," proceed to Section V. If "YES," List EA, EIS, or CERCLA Document(s) Title and Number: <u>Not Applicable</u>			
And then complete Section VI. Provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information only. DOE NCO signature is not required.			
<b>V. Categorical Exclusion</b>			YES    NO
Does the proposed action fall within a class of actions that is listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or result in cumulatively significant impacts (not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211)?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
List CX to be applied and complete Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements (where an action might fit within multiple CXs, use the CX that best fits the proposed action): <u>10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B3.1, "Site Characterization/Environmental Monitoring"</u>			
<b>Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements</b>			YES    NO
Does the proposed action threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, or health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposed action involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species such that the action is NOT contained or confined in a manner designed, operated, and conducted in accordance to applicable requirements to prevent unauthorized release into the environment?			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "NO" to all Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, complete Section VI, and provide to DOE NCO for final Approval/ Determination and signature in Section VII.			
If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, contact DOE NCO for additional NEPA Review.			
<b>VI. Responsible Contractor Signatures</b>			
	Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
Initiator	Jerry W. Cammann, MSA NEPA-SME	<i>JW Cammann</i>	11/13/13
Cognizant Environmental Compliance Officer			

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**VII. Approval/Determination**

DOE NEPA Compliance Officer: Diori L. Kreske, NEPA Compliance Officer (NCO)

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of action:

NCO Determination -  CX       EA       EIS

Signature: *Diori Kreske*

Date: 12/2/13