



**Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form**



Program or Field Office: Office of Legacy Management

Project Title and I.D. No.: Routine monitoring, maintenance, general site, and administrative actions at the Tuba City, Arizona, Site. LM No. 08-11.

Location: Tuba City, Arizona

Proposed Action or Project Description:

This determination form provides the results of evaluating potential impacts related to routine monitoring of groundwater and extraction wells and actions related to well sampling, such as taking water level measurements. In addition, various maintenance activities may occur as scheduled and unscheduled actions. These may include remediation system upgrades or repairs, the installation or repair of site fences, potential repair of equipment related to the treatment system, and replenishment of sulfuric acid and sodium chloride as needed for the treatment system.

Various administrative actions were also considered and include awarding and managing subcontracts for technical support, gathering information (to include site visits), and holding meetings with the Navajo Nation and other governmental entities as appropriate.

Negligible impacts were found to be associated with these routine site activities.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.3—Routine maintenance activities: This criterion would apply to the various maintenance actions that may occur on a scheduled or as-needed basis.

B3.1—On-site and off-site characterization and environmental monitoring: This criterion would apply to monitoring groundwater, measuring water levels, downloading data loggers, and other similar actions.

B1.11—Installation of fencing: This criterion would apply to any new fencing that may be required.

*For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

This action would not threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; 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; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 of 10 CFR 1021.211.

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(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Tracy A. Ribeiro
NEPA Compliance Officer:

05/05/11
Date Determined:

Comments: