National Nuclear Security Administration
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

NEPA ID#: HEDLP 15-001-001

Proposed Action Title: Bldg 23-190 Bio Laboratory (NV-2011-047)
Program or Field Office: Nevada Field Office
Location(s) (City/County/State): Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), Nye County NV

Proposed Action Description:

Room 12 in Bldg. 190 is used as an applied science and engineering laboratory specializing in the development and fabrication of customized prototype devices, experiments, and analysis methods in support of DOE and WFO activities. Primary activities include mechanical/electrical, chemical and biological activities. Room 12 is also used as Biosafety Level 1 (BSL-1) laboratory. BSL-1 is suitable for work involving well-characterized agents not known to cause disease in healthy adult humans and of minimal potential hazard to laboratory personnel and the environment.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B-3.6-Siting, operation and decommissioning of indoor bench-scale research and development

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. Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b); (Sec full text in regulation)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession 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 and that other-regulatory requirements set forth above are met. Therefore, the application of a categorical exclusion is appropriate.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Linda Cohn Date Determined: 9/16/2011