

DOE-ID NEPA CX DETERMINATION

SECTION A. Project Title: Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO) – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

SECTION B. Project Description

In order for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) to ensure Department of Energy (DOE) compliance with the terms and conditions of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Agreement), IDEQ oversight activities will include the following:

1. Technical review, verification and validation, comments and recommendations on all documents or data required to be submitted to IDEQ under the Agreement and within the Agreement stipulated timeframes.
2. Identification and explanation of State applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements related to response actions at the INL.
3. Site visits to review DOE response actions and ensure their consistency with appropriate requirements of the Agreement.
4. Participation in cooperation with DOE in the conduct of public participation activities in accordance with the Agreement.
5. Participation in meetings with DOE and EPA necessary to implement the Agreement.
6. Training for IDEQ personnel involved with Agreement implementation.
7. Preparation and administration of this grant, including the estimate of State costs and reporting requirements.
8. Other services IDEQ must obtain to accomplish the above activities consistent with the Agreement.

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects / Potential Sources of Impact

Water/Well Use – IDEQ takes split CERCLA groundwater well-water samples.

Chemical Use/Storage – IDEQ stores minor quantities of chemicals to prepare the samples for analysis.

SECTION D. Determine the Level of Environmental Review (or Documentation) and Reference(s): Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

Note: For Categorical Exclusions (CXs) the proposed action must not: 1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE orders; 2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities; 3) 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; 4) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist which would affect the significance of the action, and the action is not “connected” nor “related” (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and (2), respectively) to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts.

References: B3.1 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 activities would be designed in conformance with applicable requirements and use best management practices to limit the potential effects of any resultant ground disturbance. Covered activities include, but are not limited to, site characterization and environmental monitoring under CERCLA and RCRA. (This class of actions excludes activities in aquatic environments.

Justification: The activity consists of providing oversight and performing split sampling for environmental monitoring.

Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Yes No

Approved by Jack Depperschmidt, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on 09/09/2014