

**DOE-ID NEPA CX DETERMINATION
IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY**

SECTION A. Project Title: Parking area expansion along road to Range #7

SECTION B. Project Description:

Additional parking is needed during breacher training and other demonstration activities on range #7 to accommodate access by emergency response vehicles. Historically, participants have parked their vehicles on the gravel road leading to range #7 which restricts access to emergency response vehicles. The proposed action is to "grub" out an area of approximately 0.06 acres (about 110 ft long by 25 ft wide) along the east side of the range #7 road near the spot where breaching charges are assembled (see attached photo). The proposed parking area would be surfaced with pit-run gravel and would be maintained in conjunction with the range #7 access road. This proposed parking area would allow an area for the security vehicles to park off the road during the breaching training activities and would allow direct access for emergency response vehicles if the need should arise.

The proposed action would be performed during July-August 2011 at an estimated cost of <\$5000.

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects / Potential Sources of Impact:

Air Emissions - Initial clearing and periodic maintenance of the parking area may generate fugitive dust and equipment emissions – see Project Instructions, Section F.

Generation and Managing Waste - All waste would be characterized and dispositioned through Waste Generator Services.

Disturbing Cultural/Biological Resources - The proposed action would clear approximately 0.06 acres of vegetation adjacent to the Range #7 access road. The area contains typical desert vegetation and may contain cultural artifacts – see Conditions, Section E.

Using Natural Resources – The proposed action will require gravel from an existing INL borrow source – probably the Monroe Blvd. pit.

SECTION D. Recommended 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: National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures; Final Rule, Categorical Exclusions B1.15 "Siting/construction/operation of support buildings/support structures," effective July 9, 1996.

Justification: The proposed action would construct a parking area (about 110 ft long by 25 ft wide) adjacent to the east side of the range #7 road in order to provide parking for vehicles that otherwise obstruct emergency response access to the facility. Project activities in this EC are consistent with Categorical Exclusion B1.15.

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

Approved by Richard Kauffman DOE-ID Alternate NEPA Compliance Officer on 7/27/2011.

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