

# DOE-ID NEPA CX DETERMINATION

**SECTION A. Project Title: Agreement in Principle, INL Oversight, Idaho DEQ**

**SECTION B. Project Description**

The state of Idaho receives funding from the Department of Energy to conduct independent oversight and monitoring of DOE-ID operations. Oversight activities and monitoring actions that will be conducted by the state of Idaho include general project management and administrative actions, data management, providing information to the public, emergency response coordination, and environmental surveillance. Environmental surveillance objectives include collecting and analyzing air, water, soil, milk and other environmental samples.

**SECTION C. Environmental Aspects / Potential Sources of Impact**

Wastes generated during environmental sampling and monitoring will be managed by the state oversight program through state run laboratories and ISU laboratory procedures. All wastes will be disposed of in accordance with existing regulations.

**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: A9 Information gathering, data analysis, document preparation and dissemination.  
B3.1 Onsite and offsite site characterization and environmental monitoring.

Justification: The proposed activities consist of independent oversight and monitoring of DOE-ID operations by the state of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Actions include general project management and administrative actions, data management, providing information to the public, emergency response coordination, and environmental surveillance. Environmental surveillance objectives include collecting and analyzing air, water, soil, milk and other environmental samples.

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 09/06/10