



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Transfer of Real Property Asset from the DOE Office of Science, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Site Office to the DOE National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Secure Transportation

Program or Field Office: Oak Ridge Reservation

Location(s) (City/County/State): Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Proposed Action Description:

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science (SC), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Site Office (OSO)/Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) Management intends to transfer approximately 1,690 acres of land (with an 8.29-mile perimeter) located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee to the DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Office of Secure Transportation (OST/NA-15). See Figure 1 attached, *Agent Operations Eastern Command Land Transfer*. This categorical exclusion only pertains to the transfer of the described parcel. Ongoing OST operations on the site were previously evaluated for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance in separate NEPA documentation. Any new operations, expansion, construction, or any other proposed activities on this land would be subject to independent NEPA review.

To the best of DOE and all offices involved knowledge, there are no known pre-existing environmental hazards. However, the Agent Operations Eastern Command (AOEC) campus does contain cultural and sensitive natural resources. The OST would meet all applicable standards, requirements, and other local city codes and ordinances associated activities on this property. The NNSA Real Property Office has determined that the transfer would meet all current Federal regulations, directives, and statutory requirements with no deficiencies.

Affected Environment:

The AOEC campus lies within the Great Valley of East Tennessee between the Cumberland and Great Smoky Mountains and is bordered by the Clinch River on the (ORR). The campus includes wooded hills, creeks, and ravines that are consistent with the type of terrain found throughout East Tennessee. Existing AOEC buildings and other site facilities number 42 permanent assets. The site also has three weather canopies covering 2,304 square feet, a 20-position live fire range, and a chain link privacy fence. ***There are approximately 300 employees, both Federal and Contractors, that are assigned/employed at the AOEC site. The amount of personnel that are on the site can vary from day to day depending upon operation and mission status. Those accessing the property being transferred will be a small fraction of this number on an occasional basis.***

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

A2 - Clarifying or administrative contract actions

B1.24 - Property transfers

For the complete DOE NEPA regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See 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.

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

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. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)) and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The above description accurately describes the proposed action, which reflects the requirements of the CX cited above. Therefore, I recommend that the proposed action be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

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Concurrence Date

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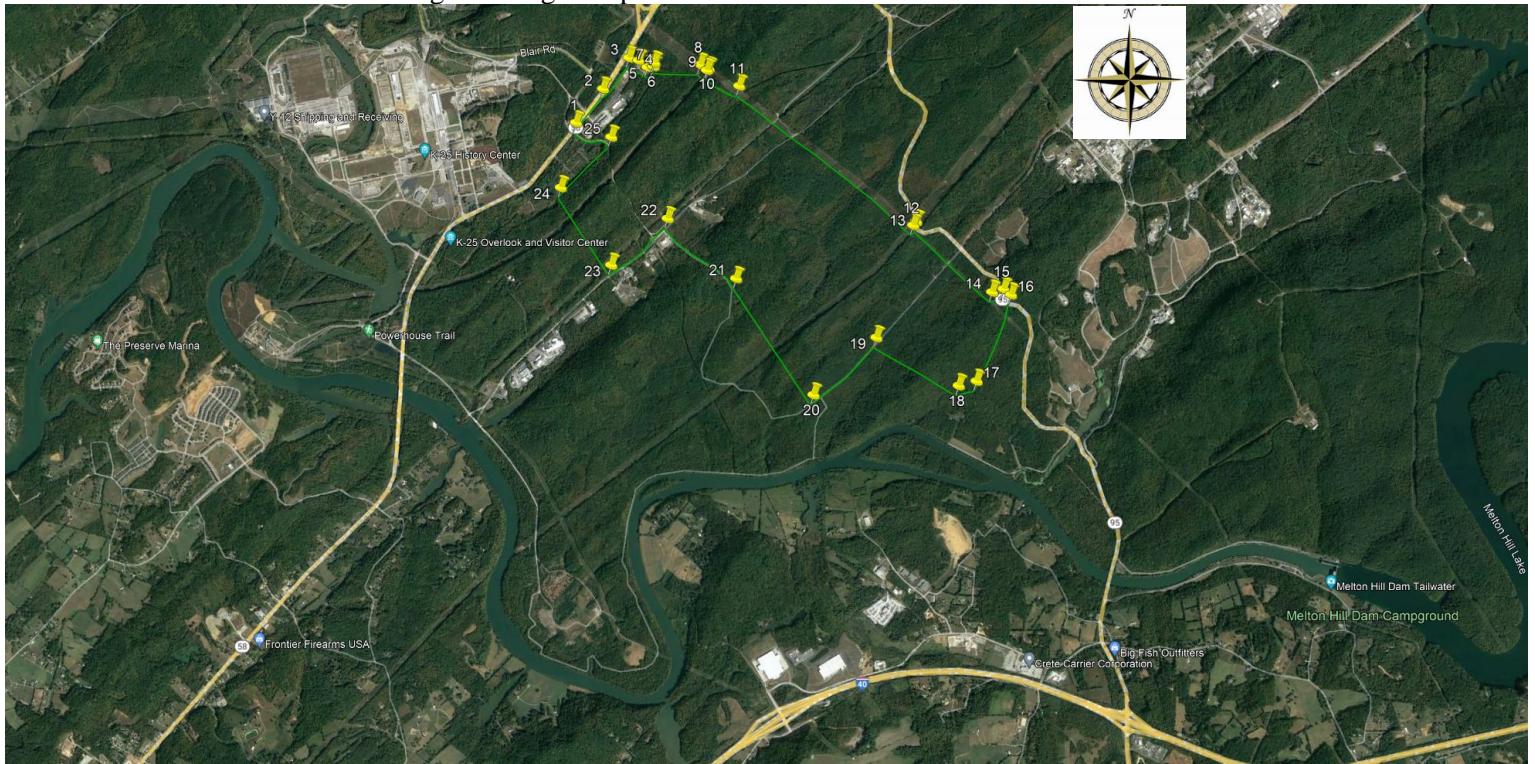
Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Policy 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified classes of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Peter R. Siebach, DOE-SC-41.1
DOE-SC-OSO NEPA Compliance Officer

Determination Date

Figure 1: Agent Operations Eastern Command Land Transfer



#	Coordinate	#	Coordinate	#	Coordinate
1	16S GE 36702 79528	10	16S GE 38048 79926	19	16S GE 39447 77170
2	16S GE 36995 79834	11	16S GE 38330 79736	20	16S GE 38785 76669
3	16S GE 37276 80117	12	16S GE 39902 78223	21	16S GE 38135 77857
4	16S GE 37368 80082	13	16S GE 39935 78257	22	16S GE 37517 78508
5	16S GE 37448 80005	14	16S GE 40607 77506	23	16S GE 36929 78103
6	16S GE 37509 80007	15	16S GE 40722 77526	24	16S GE 36504 78898
7	16S GE 37520 80043	16	16S GE 40790 77465	25	16S GE 37037 79351
8	16S GE 37968 79997	17	16S GE 40038 76661		
9	16S GE 38030 79911	18	16S GE 40204 76633		

The land to be transferred from ORNL to OST has a perimeter of 8.29 miles with an area of 2.64 Square miles (1,690 Acres). The boundary beginning with point #1 progresses clockwise through point #25 and back to point #1.