



NEPA Compliance Officer Rationale  
Office of Emergency Response  
OER 15-001

**Application of DOE NEPA Procedure:** Categorical Exclusions B1.15, Support Buildings (10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B).

**Rationale:** The proposed action in the attached checklist (OER14-001) describes Installation of a portable Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) at the Nuclear Response Group Readiness Operations Center (NRGROC) at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. A more in depth discussion can be found in Attachment 1 of this checklist, which is hereby incorporated by reference. The class of actions included in Categorical Exclusion B1.15 includes::

Siting, construction or modification, and operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated and modular buildings) within or contiguous to an already developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Covered support buildings and structures include, but are not limited to, those for office purposes; parking; cafeteria services; education and training; visitor reception; computer and data processing services; health services or recreation activities; routine maintenance activities; storage of supplies and equipment for administrative services and routine maintenance activities; security (such as security posts); fire protection; small-scale fabrication (such as machine shop activities), assembly, and testing of non-nuclear equipment or components; and similar support purposes, but exclude facilities for nuclear weapons activities and waste storage activities, such as activities covered in B1.10, B1.29, B1.35, B2.6, B6.2, B6.4, B6.5, B6.6, and B6.10 of this appendix.

This proposal fits within the parameters of Categorical Exclusions B1.15.

Based upon the information provided to me, discussions with the project specialists, and my knowledge, this proposal does not present any extraordinary circumstances of a unique or uncertain nature. It is not connected to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant **impacts**.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> See 10 CFR § 1021.410(b)(2)and(3)for full text of regulation.

Supported by the information provided by the project engineers and my knowledge of this activity, the proposal would not<sup>2</sup>:

1. threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/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;
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; or
4. adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources ( including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)).

Therefore, this proposal meets the conditions that are the Integral Elements of the Class of Actions and application of Categorical Exclusion B1.15 is appropriate.

If changes are made to the scope of action as described in the checklist, or if the scope is expanded to encompass other actions, NEPA requirements for the action will need to be reassessed at that time.

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<sup>2</sup> See 10 CFR Part 1021 Subpart D Appendix B (B(1)through(4)).