

Cost Code

Task: 0326400 Center: 208 Project: Activity:

Description of Proposed Action

SBA is proposing to lease an approximately 6,000 square foot area of currently vacant, partially vegetated and previously disturbed land located within the boundaries of ANL. SBA is proposing to redevelop the lease area by constructing a 195-foot monopole tower within a 70-foot by 70-foot fenced compound with space for up to four future cellular carriers to install equipment platforms or shelters. Electrical utilities will be routed underground approximately 150 feet from existing utilities located southwest of the tower compound to the SBA lease area. Fiber utilities will be routed underground approximately 120 feet from existing utilities located southwest of the SBA lease area, respectively. Access to the SBA lease area is via a proposed gravel drive, leading to an existing gravel/paved drive and the Rock Road right-of-way.

Description of Affected Environment

The proposed SBA lease area is located on land that has been previously disturbed (former land use for research/industrial purposes) located approximately 135 feet east of Building 309 and 75 feet north Building 311. Historical records reviewed included a topographic map from 1928; however, the land use of the SBA lease area was not depicted. The 1939 aerial photograph shows the SBA lease area as agricultural land. The SBA lease area became vacant land when the parent tract and surrounding area were acquired and redeveloped as ANL beginning in 1947. The SBA lease area was redeveloped with a parking lot during this period. The SBA lease area appears to be a portion of a parking lot in a 1971 aerial photograph. The majority of the SBA lease area and land to the east were developed with a solar pond and filled with water used for cooling purposes between 1978 and 1980. No indications of environmental contaminants from use as solar pond or subsequent filling. The remainder of the SBA lease area appeared to be vacant land during this time. The SBA lease area became vacant land when the solar pond was filled, with approximately 8 feet of fill, between 1993 and 1998. The SBA lease area gradually became partially wooded beginning in the early 2010s.

Potential Environmental Effects

- Attach explanation for each "yes" response near bottom of form.
 See Instructions for Completing Environmental Review Form.

Section A (Complete For All Projects)		Yes	No	Explanation		
1.	Poll Wa opp prov 6, 7	ject evaluated for lution Prevention and ste Minimization ortunities and details vided under items 2, 4, 7, 8, 16, and 20 below, as licable	۲	0	Site spoils will be reused on-site and the proposed monopole tower site will serve up to four carriers, thus minimizing the overall pollution footprint that could occur if each had their own location.	
2.	Air	Pollutant Emissions	•	0	During operation of the telecommunications facility backup generators (approx. 50kw) may be utilized by the carriers for emergency electrical support. Consultation with the ANL Title V SME has identified there is no need for permitting for generators.	
3.	Noi	se	\odot	\mathbf{C}	Standard construction noise no more than 85 dB	
4.	Che	emical/Oil Storage/Use	۲	0	Diesel fuel and/or liquid propane may be stored on site for use as a backup fuel source for emergency electrical generation. Diesel fuel storage tanks will be approximately 250 gallons or less and liquid propane storage tanks will be approximately 1,000 gallons or less. SPCC requirements will be complied with for any fuel source utilized.	
5.	Pes	sticide Use	\circ	\odot		
6.		tic Substances Control (TSCA) Substances				
	6a.	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	0	$oldsymbol{\circ}$		
	6b.	Asbestos or Asbestos Containing Materials	0	⊙		
	6c.	Other TSCA Regulated Substances	0	•		
	6d.	Import or Export of Chemical Substances	0	•		
7.	Bio	hazards	\circ	\odot		
8.	 Effluent/Wastewater (If yes, see question #12 and contact Peter Lynch (FMS-SEP) at 2-4582 or lynch@anl.gov) 		c	o		
9.	Wa	ste Management				
	9a.	Construction or Demolition Waste	۲	c	Site spoils will be reused on site for grading purposes.	
	9b.	Hazardous Waste	С	$oldsymbol{eta}$		
	9c.	Radioactive Mixed Waste	\circ	$oldsymbol{\circ}$		
	9d.	Radioactive Waste	\mathbf{O}	\odot		
	9e.	Asbestos Waste	0	$oldsymbol{\circ}$		
	9f.	Biological Waste	0	$oldsymbol{eta}$		
	9g.	No Path to Disposal Waste	\circ	$oldsymbol{\circ}$		
	9h.	Nano-material Waste	0	\odot		
10.	Rac	diation	0	igodoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldoldol		
11.	Threatened Violation of 11. ES&H Regulations or Permit Requirement		0	©		
	Nev	v or Modified Federal or				

12.	State Permits	\odot		None are required to the best of knowledge.
13.	Siting, Construction, or Major Modification of Facility to Recover, Treat, Store, or Dispose of Waste	o	o	
14.	Public Controversy	©	c	ANL hosted public meeting ¿ no feedback or objections. A public notice was published in the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin on January 20, 2016 to notify interested parties of the proposed undertaking and to solicit input on potential impacts to historic properties. No comments were received to date.
15.	Historic Structures and Objects	\odot	o	See attached Indirect APE summary.
16.	Disturbance of Pre-existing Contamination	C	$oldsymbol{\circ}$	
17.	Energy Efficiency, Resource Conserving, and Sustainable Design Features	٥	c	The proposed monopole will serve up to four carriers minimizing the overall environmental impact that could occur if each had their own location.
Se	ection B (For Projects that Occur Outdoors)	Yes	No	
18.	Threatened or Endangered Species, Critical Habitats, and/or other Protected Species	o	o	
19.	Wetlands	0	\odot	
20.	Floodplain	0	\odot	
21.	Landscaping	0	\odot	
22.	Navigable Air Space	©	c	Based on FAA Determination 2015-AGL-8541-OE, the proposed SBA tower does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided notice to the FAA of construction or alteration is filed within 5 days after the construction reaches its greatest height. In addition, marking and lighting are not necessary for this structure to ensure aviation safety.
23.	Clearing or Excavation	©	c	Clearing and grubbing of the proposed SBA lease area will occur, as necessary, to provide suitable subgrade. The proposed tower foundation will consist of an appropriately-sized spread mat foundation system placed at 9 feet below ground surface (BGS). Utilities will be installed underground at depths specified by local code. Future carrier equipment shelter/platform foundations will be placed a minimum of 6¿ below frost line and generally consist of either drilled piers or strip footings. All excavated soil will be reused on the site for grading purposes.
24.	Archaeological Resources	\odot	С	None ¿ site is previously disturbed. See attached Direct APE Summary.
25.	Underground Injection	0	\odot	
26.	Underground Storage Tanks	\circ	$oldsymbol{eta}$	
27.	Public Utilities or Services	\odot	o	All proposed utilities (electric, fiber, telephone) will be connected to ANL services and meters.
28.	Depletion of a Non-Renewable Resource	C	$oldsymbol{\circ}$	
	Section C (For Projects Outside of ANL)	Yes	No	
29.	Prime, Unique, or Locally Important Farmland	С	o	
30.	Special Sources of Groundwater (such as sole source aquifer)	c	c	
31.	Coastal Zones	0	\circ	
32.	Areas with Special National Designations (such as National Forests, Parks, or Trails)	c	c	

33.	Action of a State Agency in a State with NEPA-type Law	c	c	
34.	Class I Air Quality Control Region	0	o	

Categorical Exclusion

Miscellaneous Installations/Maintenance Activiities

ANL NEPA Reviewer Use Only

C My approval is the final approval necessary

This form requires additional approval from DOE

To be Completed by DOE/ASO

Section D	Yes	No
Are there any extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?	C	o
Is the project connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or related to other proposed action with cumulatively significant impacts?	c	o
If yes, is a categorical exclusion determination precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211?	0	0
Can the project or activity be categorically excluded from preparation of an Environment Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under Subpart D of the DOE NEPA Regulations?	o	C

If yes, indicate the class or classes of action from Appendix A or B of Subpart D under which the project may be excluded: Part 1021-DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, Subpart D, Appendix B, Category B 1.19 Microwave, Meteorological, and Radio Towers

If no, indicate the NEPA recommendation and class(es) of action from Appendix C or D to Subpart D to Part 1021 of 10 CFR.

Attachments

File Description:	Indirect APE Summary	View Attachment
File Description:	Direct APE Summary	View Attachment
File Description:	Original SHPO Concurrence Letter 2-18-16	View Attachment
File Description:	Revised SHPO Letter 3-28-16	View Attachment
File Description:	SHPO Letter 5 12 to Ramaker and Associates	View Attachment
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Comments

This ERF (NEPA) document is submitted on behalf of SBA Communications, LLC by UChicago Argonne, LLC as requested by the Department of Energy Argonne Site Office.

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ASO-CX- 326 Comments:

ASO-CX-326 Construction and Operation of SBA Cellular Tower on Argonne Site

Approval

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