



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Agent Operations Eastern Command Training Facility Sports Field and Running Track (CX-ORR-15-001)

Program or Field Office: Oak Ridge Reservation

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

Proposed Action Description:

The Office of Secure Transportation (OST) is an organization within the Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) that provides safe and secure transportation of items for the national security of the United States of America. The Agent Operations Eastern Command (AOEC) Training Facility is part of NNSA's OST. At the AOEC Training Facility, training is provided for federal and contractor security personnel in the use and safe handling of firearms, security responses, protection of personnel and property, and physical and tactical training. This facility is located on Bear Creek Road in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Security personnel must be physically fit to perform their duties, and the AOEC proposes to construct this sports field and running track to satisfy the new physical fitness requirements for the Agent Force.

Approximately five acres of DOE property would be needed to construct this sports field and running track. Every effort would be made to leave as many trees and as much native ground cover in place to provide shade and help with drainage. The final design of the track would be provided to DOE before construction begins.

All wastes would be disposed of in accordance with AOEC contracts with a commercial waste disposal contractor, and any organic wastes would be broken up on site.

The proposed action would be conducted in a previously disturbed area and would not adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources such as archeological or historical sites, endangered species, critical habitats, floodplains, and wetlands. The site was evaluated for sensitive resources, and no listed plant species or special plant communities were present in the project area. The Fish and Wildlife Service was also consulted, and the requirements of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, have been fulfilled for the Indiana bat, gray bat, and northern long-eared bat relative to this proposed action.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.2 - Training exercises and simulations

B1.3 - Routine maintenance

B1.15 - Support buildings

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of [10 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.

Program Point of Contact: Signed by Larry Rose **Date Determined:** 12/15/2014

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

DOE ORO NEPA Compliance Officer: Signed by James Elmore **Date Determined:** 12/15/2014