



# U.S. Department of Energy

## Categorical Exclusion Determination

**Proposed Action Title:** Property Transfer of the SSP-2A to the National Nuclear Security Administration (CX-ORR-24-001)

**Program or Field Office:** Oak Ridge Reservation

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

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### Proposed Action Description:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR), Office of Science proposes to transfer custody of approximately 81 acres to the NNSA Production Office (NPO). The 81 acres is a portion of a 950 acres Self-Sufficiency Parcel 2 (SSP-2), which encompasses DOE ORR land west of Gum Hollow Rd to SR 95, bounded to the south by Bear Creek Rd. and to the north by the Oak Ridge Turnpike. The 81 acres to be transferred has been designated as parcel "SSP-2A". The SSP-2A parcel is adjacent to the Oak Ridge Turnpike/State Route (SR) 95, across from the Horizon Center, and is approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the SR 95-SR 58 interchange. The SSP-2A parcel is undeveloped and has not been disturbed since the parcel's original acquisition by the Federal Government in 1943. For any future development or land disturbances of parcel SSP-2A, NNSA will comply with 10 CFR Part 1021 – National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures and other applicable requirements. Upon transfer, NNSA will be responsible for regulatory compliance with the protection of any known or discovered cultural and environmental sensitive resources.

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### Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.24 - Property transfers

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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.

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:** *Katatra Vasquez*  
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**Date Determined:** 5/27/2020

**DOE NPO NEPA Compliance Officer:** Mary Helen Hitson

**Date Determined:** [Click here to enter a date.](#)