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REV 4

NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM

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I. Project Title:

MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Small-Scale Research and Development, Laboratory Operations, and Pilot Projects under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B3.6

II. Project Description and Location (including Time Period over which proposed action will occur and Project Dimensions - e.g., acres displaced/disturbed, excavation length/depth, area/location/number of buildings, etc.):

Mission Support Alliance (MSA) and its subcontractors perform siting, construction, modification, operation, and decommissioning of facilities for small-scale research and development projects; conventional laboratory operations; and small-scale pilot projects frequently conducted to verify a concept before demonstration actions, provided that construction or modification would be within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Not included are demonstration actions undertaken at a scale to show whether a technology would be viable on a larger scale and suitable for commercial deployment.

Research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services are addressed in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Attachment J.3. Buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services include those in Section J.13 and J.14 of the Mission Support Contract where MSA is the assigned contractor or provides services to other Hanford contractors. Research, development, pilot project, and laboratory operation services discussed in MSC-PRO-12115, "Work Management" are also included.

Plant and animal species will be reviewed for protection under the Endangered Species Act, candidates for protection, or listing by Washington State as threatened or endangered. Caution will be exercised during bird nesting season (mid-March to mid-July). If nesting birds, a pair of birds of the same species, or bird defensive behaviors are observed, an Ecological Resource Specialist will be contacted for further guidance.

Cultural resources will be reviewed for protection under the Historic Buildings Programmatic Agreement (DOE/RL-96-77), Historic Buildings Treatment Plan (DOE/RL-97-56), Cultural Resources Management Plan (DOE/RL-98-10), and other applicable requirements. Workers will be directed to watch for cultural materials (bones, stone tools, mussel shell, cans, bottles). If encountered, work near the discovery will stop until a Cultural Resource Specialist is contacted, the significance of the find assessed, appropriate Tribes notified, and mitigation arranged, as needed.

This is an annual CX as allowed by 10 CFR 1021 and must be reauthorized by the Hanford Site NEPA Compliance Officer one-year from the date of approval.

III. Reviews (if applicable):

Biological Review Report #: Obtained prior to initiating work per MSA and DOE-RL requirements.

Cultural Review Report #: Obtained prior to initiating work per MSA and DOE-RL requirements.

Additional Attachments: _____

IV. Existing NEPA Documentation

Is the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or under CERCLA?

YES NO

If "NO," proceed to Section V. If "YES," List EA, EIS, or CERCLA Document(s) Title and Number:

Not Applicable

And then complete Section VI. Provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information only. DOE NCO signature is not required.

