NEPA REVIEW SCREENING FORM

I. Project Title:
Washington River Protection Solutions LLC - Proposed Actions For CY 2012 Scheduled To Take Place Under CX B3.1, "Site Characterization and Environmental Monitoring"

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, etc.):
Washington River Protection Solutions LLC (WRPS) will perform site characterization and environmental monitoring on & near the Hanford Site during Calendar Year 2012. WRPS will perform all activities in accordance with the categorical exclusion (CX) limitations set forth in 10 CFR 1021, Appendices A & B to Subpart D, & CX B3.1. WRPS' facilities include all those identified in the Tank Operations Contract Sections J.13 and J.14. Excluding aquatic environments, activities would include, but are not limited to:

- Intrusive Activities (both small and large scale) such as installing groundwater and vadose zone wells, monitoring the groundwater and vadose zones, performing groundwater tracer tests, excavating and sampling test pits. Drilling methods would primarily be standard cable tool, auger, cone penetrometer, sonic drilling, or rotary drilling technologies. All wells will be abandoned or closed in accordance with applicable state regulations and company procedures.
- Non-Intrusive Activities such as site surveys & collection of environmental media & data. Activities can include geophysical, radiological, meteorological, chemical, air, water, cultural, & ecological.
- Site, construct, & operate one or more small-scale laboratory buildings/facilities, or renovate rooms in an existing building/facility, in order to facilitate sample handling & analysis.

All locations are culturally exempt (see PNL-7264 & Battelle 9405630) &/or covered under NHPA Section 106 review, HCR# 2003-200-044. The majority of the WRPS facilities are classified as historical non-contributing/exempt properties under DOE/RL-97-56, Revision 1. To ensure there will be no ecological/biological or cultural impacts, prior to work initiation, 1) any non-exempt facilities or work will have the appropriate cultural reviews obtained as needed, 2) ecological reviews will be obtained as needed, & 5) if any cultural or ecological issues are identified, the identified issue(s) will be appropriately dealt with as required by relevant company or Hanford Site procedures & regulations.

III. Reviews (if applicable):
Biological Review Report #: N/A
Cultural Review Report #: PNL-7264, Battelle Letter 9405630, HCR# 2003-200-044, & DOE/RL-97-56 R1
Additional Attachments:

IV. Existing NEPA Documentation (see Steps 3 and 4 of Contractor Screening Process)
Is the proposed action evaluated in a previous EA, EIS, or under CERCLA?
NO

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

And then complete Section VII and provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information (see Step 6 of Contractor Screening Process).

V. Sitewide Categorical Exclusion (see Step 5 of Contractor Screening Process)
Does the proposed action fit within the scope of actions identified in a DOE Hanford NCO-approved sitewide categorical exclusion?

If "NO," proceed to Section VI.
If "YES," list Sitewide Categorical Exclusion to be applied and complete Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria:
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Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria

Does the action fail to meet the eligibility requirements for Appendix B categorical exclusion ("integral elements") of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B(1) through B(4)?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Is the action connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (see 40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) or result in cumulatively significant impacts (see 40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2))?  

YES ☐ NO ☐

Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Does the action involve or disturb the Hanford Reach National Monument, Rattlesnake Mountain, Gable Mountain, Gable Butte or other Traditional Cultural Properties or properties of historic, archaeological or architectural significance, or occur within one-fourth mile of the Columbia River?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Does the proposed action impact sensitive species or their habitats?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If "NO" to all Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, complete Section VII and provide electronic copy of Initiator/ECO signed NRSF to DOE NCO for information (see Step 6 of Contractor Screening Process).

If "YES" to any of the Sitewide Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, attach appropriate explanatory information and provide NRSF to DOE NCO; DOE initiates DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1 by completing Section VI and VIII, as appropriate.

VI. Categorical Exclusion

Does the proposed action fall within a class of actions that is listed in Appendixes A or B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021?

YES ☒ NO ☐

List CX to be applied and complete Categorical Exclusion Criteria (based on Eligibility Criteria of the NEPA Determination Procedure):

CX B3.1, "Site Characterization and Environmental Monitoring"

Categorical Exclusion Criteria

Does the proposed action threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, or health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Does the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Does the proposed action disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Does the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Are there extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or result in cumulatively significant impacts (not precluded by 40 CFR 1508.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211)?

YES ☒ NO ☐

If "NO" to all Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, DOE NCO completes Section VIII, provides electronic copy of signed NRSF to contractor, and otherwise complies with Step 4 of the DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1.

If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Criteria questions above, DOE NCO complies with Step 5 of the DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 1, and initiates DOE NEPA Review Screening Process - Step 2.

VII. Approvals/Determination

Name (Printed) | Signature | Date
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Initiator: Holly Bowers | Holly Bowers | 1/25/12
Cognizant Environmental Compliance Officer: Steve Kilby | Steve Kilby | 1/5/12

VIII. Approval/Determination

DOE NEPA Compliance Officer: Woody Russell

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning 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 of action:

NCO Determination - ☑ CX ☐ EA ☐ EIS

Signature: Woody Russell | Date: 01/13/2012

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