I. Project Title:

MSA Annual Categorical Exclusion for Transfer Actions under 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.30

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 transfer actions, where the predominant activity is transportation, and where the receipt and storage capacity and management capability for the amount and type of materials, equipment, or waste to be moved already exists at the receiving site; and all necessary facilities and operations at the receiving site are already permitted, licensed, or approved, as appropriate. Transfers may not be regularly scheduled, but are part of ongoing routine operations. Material, equipment, and waste will be processed for safe and regulatory compliant transportation to avoid unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. Material, equipment, or waste transportation will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation and other applicable regulations. The material, equipment, or waste from Hanford Site operations will be incidental to the amount already accepted by receiving facilities as part of routine operations. Proposed actions include those necessary to implement transportation such as packaging, container handling, material storage, waste management, and equipment maintenance.

Transfer actions include those in MSA contract DE-AC06-09RL14728, Attachment J.3. Buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment subject to transfer actions 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. Buildings, structures, infrastructures, and equipment transfer actions 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  
- [x] 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.

## V. 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?  

- [x] YES  
- [ ] NO

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

- [ ] YES  
- [x] NO

Is the proposal connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts or result in cumulatively significant impacts (not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211)?  

- [ ] YES  
- [x] NO

List CX to be applied and complete Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements (where an action might fit within multiple CXs, use the CX that best fits the proposed action):

10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, Bl.30, "Transfer Actions"

**Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements**

- 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?  
  - [x] YES  
  - [ ] NO

- Does the proposed action require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities?  
  - [x] 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?  
  - [x] YES  
  - [ ] NO

- Does the proposed action adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources?  
  - [x] YES  
  - [ ] NO

- Does the proposed action involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species such that the action is NOT contained or confined in a manner designed, operated, and conducted in accordance to applicable requirements to prevent unauthorized release into the environment?  
  - [x] YES  
  - [ ] NO

If "NO" to all Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, complete Section VI, and provide to DOE NCO for final Approval/Determination and signature in Section VII.

If "YES" to any of the Categorical Exclusion Integral Elements questions above, contact DOE NCO for additional NEPA Review.

## VI. Responsible Contractor Signatures

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## VII. 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 - [x] CX  
  - [ ] EA  
  - [ ] EIS

**Signature:** Woody Russell  
**Date:** 12/5/12