



Department of Energy  
National Nuclear Security Administration  
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



**Categorical Exclusion ID#:** PFO/CX-0002

**Proposed Action Title:** Prescribed Burning FY2027-FY2031

**Program or Field Office:** DOE/NNSA/Pantex Field Office

**Location(s) (City/County/State):** Amarillo/Carson County/Texas

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**Proposed Action Description:**

The proposed project details prescribed burning and related activities at Pantex Plant, FY 2027–FY 2031. Burns would be conducted on an annual basis, as-needed for range and wildlife management, wildfire protection through fuel load reduction, and/or training and maintenance of Fire Department skills in the area of wildland fire suppression and blackline preparation. Prior to a prescribed burn, notification of the scheduled burn would be made to adjacent land owners, the TCEQ, local fire and sheriff’s authorities, and potentially the media. If changes are made to the scope of action so that it is no longer bound by the action described in the original documentation, as amended, or is expanded to encompass other actions, NEPA requirements for the action will need to be reassessed at that time and further NEPA analysis may be required.

**Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:** 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, B1.2 “Training exercises and simulations,” B1.3 “Routine maintenance,” and B1.20 “Protection of cultural resources, fish and wildlife habitat.”

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**Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021**

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102, Appendix B to 10 CFR 1021, and also Section 5.4 and Appendices B and C of DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures (February 2, 2026).

**To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:**

- (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B or C of DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures (February 2, 2026). To fit within these classes of actions a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of action in Appendix B of both 10 CFR Part 1021 and DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures;
  - (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
  - (3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.
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**NEPA Compliance Officer Determination**

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as a designated NNSA NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: