SECTION A. Project Title: Information Operations Research Center (IORC) Emergency Generator Installation

SECTION B. Project Description:

The proposed activity would install an emergency power engine-generator at the IORC facility. The engine-generator would be a new Caterpillar Diesel unit with 600 KW output. The equipment would be installed at the Research and Education Campus (REC) in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on or about the July 2015 time frame at an estimated cost of $1.3 M. The new unit would be configured to start automatically when power outages occur.

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects or Potential Sources of Impact:

Air Emissions: The genset uses a stationary Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) and would comply with Clean Air Act requirements in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 60 Subpart IIII - Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines, 40 CFR 63 Subpart ZZZZ - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines, and Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 58.01.01 - Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.

Generating and Managing Waste: Small amounts of industrial waste (e.g., lubricants, wipes) would be generated. Materials such as scrap metal will be recycled to the extent practicable. Routine operations are expected to generate small amounts of common trash. All solid waste will be managed by Waste Generator Services (WGS).

Releasing Contaminants: Typical construction chemicals such as lubricants, fuels, adhesives, etc., would be used by the subcontractor. A chemical inventory list with associated Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's) would be submitted in the vendor data system by the subcontractor. All chemicals would be entered into the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Comply Plus Chemical Management System by the Construction Chemical Coordinator.

Using, Reusing, and Conserving Natural Resources: All materials would be reused and recycled where economically practicable. All applicable waste would be diverted from disposal in the landfill where conditions allow. Project personnel will use every opportunity to recycle, reuse, and recover materials and divert waste from the landfill when possible. The project will practice sustainable acquisition, as appropriate and practicable, by procuring construction materials that are energy efficient, water efficient, are bio-based in content, environmentally preferable, non-ozone depleting, have recycled content, or are non-toxic or less-toxic alternatives. New equipment will meet either the Energy Star or Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) requirements as appropriate (see https://sftool.gov/green-products/0?agency=0).

SECTION D. Determine the Recommended Level of Environmental Review (or Documentation) and Reference(s): Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

For Categorical Exclusions (CXs), the proposed action must not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, 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 or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources (see 10 CFR 1021). In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist that would affect the significance of the action. In addition, the action is not "connected" to other action actions (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1608.27(b)(7)).

References: 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, B1.31 "Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment."

Justification: The proposed action is consistent with categorical exclusion B1.31 "Installation or relocation and operation of machinery and equipment (including, but not limited to, laboratory equipment, electronic hardware, manufacturing machinery, maintenance equipment, and health and safety equipment), provided that the uses of the installed or relocated items are consistent with the general missions of the receiving structure. Covered actions include modifications to an existing building, within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area, that are necessary for equipment installation and relocation. Such modifications would not appreciably increase the footprint or height of the existing building or have the potential to cause significant changes to the type and magnitude of environmental impacts."

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Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) □ Yes ☒ No

Approved by Jack Depperschmidt, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on: 11/5/2014