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Idaho National Laboratory

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SECTION A. Project Title: CFA Live Fire Range Shoot House and Power/Data Installation

SECTION B. Project Description and Purpose:

The Central Facilities Area (CFA) Live Fire Range provides an area for firearms and tactical training protective force personnel at Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The live fire range is also used by other DOE and DOE-contractor personnel, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement and military personnel for training, testing, qualification, and competition. Additionally, other approved organizations use the live fire ranges to conduct testing and evaluation of different products and equipment, and to provide training. The shoot house at the CFA Live Fire Range is not large enough to support the configurations needed for training purposes, and the solar power system for data and magazine alarm systems is unreliable. The proposed action is to construct a new 8,000 to 9,000 square foot open-air steel Live Fire Shoot House and update the solar power system so that data and magazine alarm systems are more effective.

Construction of the new Live Fire Shoot House includes a steel canopy cover for all-weather access and use. The facility will also include a catwalk, 12 ft.-tall interior walls and will be constructed with rifle grade steel and multiple door types, including Ram, Pry, Ballistic and Explosive. Lighting and power will be supplied by direct buried cable. The new shoot house will be located east of the existing shoot house. Construction will require clearing approximately 10,000 square feet of undisturbed ground.

A 480 V underground power feed, disconnects, 240/120 V mini power zone security raceways, and fiber optic cable to the magazine storage areas including cargo containers and buried magazine storage areas will be installed. Conduit and National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) enclosures will be installed on the south side exterior of B8-601 and along cargo container ceilings on the north side of B8-601. The conduit will then be direct buried from B8-601 to a handhole assembly at the SE corner of range 6, direct buried power will be trenched over to the new shoot house and down along the road on the east side of range 6 to the buried storage magazines. Trenching for the direct buried conduit will be in previously disturbed areas void of vegetation (mostly gravel).

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects or Potential Sources of Impact:

Air Emissions

Fugitive Dust may be generated when clearing, grubbing, and trenching work is taking place.

Disturbing Cultural or Biological Resources

Excavation activities could disturb cultural artifacts, nesting birds, and sagebrush. The shoot house height may have cultural implications and will need to be approved.

Generating and Managing Waste

Typical construction debris waste such as scrap metal, packaging material, paint rollers/brushes, weld rod stubs, excess soil, etc. will be generated during the project. Hazardous waste is not anticipated.

Releasing Contaminants

Typical construction chemicals such as fuels, lubricants, paints, adhesives, caulks, etc. will be used on the project. Spills from equipment and product use could occur.

CERCLA sites ORD-03 and ORD-06 may be disturbed during excavation activities.

Using, Reusing, and Conserving Natural Resources

Scrap metal that is generated from the shoot house construction will be recycled to the extent practical.

SECTION D. Determine Recommended Level of Environmental Review, Identify Reference(s), and State Justification:

Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 Code of Federal Regulation (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 Department of Energy (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, items B1.15 "Support buildings."

Justification: Project activities described in this EC are consistent with 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, items B1.15 "Siting, construction or modification, and operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated and modular buildings) within or contiguous to an already developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Covered support buildings and structures include, but are not limited to, those for office purposes; parking; cafeteria services; education and training; visitor reception; computer and data processing services; health services or recreation activities; routine maintenance activities; storage of supplies and equipment for administrative services and routine maintenance activities; security (such as security posts); fire protection; small-scale fabrication (such as machine shop activities), assembly, and testing of non-nuclear equipment or components; and similar support purposes, but exclude facilities for nuclear weapons activities and waste storage activities covered in B1.10, B1.29, B1.35, B2.6, B6.2, B6.5, B6.6, and B6.10 of this appendix."

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

Approved by Jason Sturm, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on: 8/03/2017