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ROCKY FLATS PLANT  
CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL

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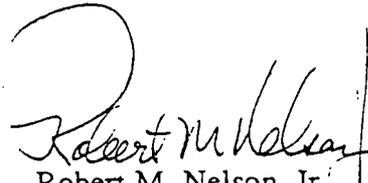
Section D Categorical Exclusion (RFO/CX003-92) Determination

C. M. Borgstrom, Director Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-25

Attached is a categorical exclusion (CX) for the following proposed action:

Weed control burning at Rocky Flats Plant.

Please review the attached CX and indicate if you have no objection by signing in the space provided. Please return a copy of the document to this office after it has been signed.

  
 Robert M. Nelson, Jr.  
 Manager

Attachment

cc w/Attachment:  
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**SECTION D DETERMINATION**  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION RFO/CX003-92**

**Proposed Action:** Weed Control Burning Program

**Location:** Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, CO

**Proposed by:** U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

Rocky Flats Plant proposes to comply with state and county noxious weed control requirements by periodically burning weeds 1) along the perimeter fences of the RFP Security Controlled Area and the RFP buffer zone, 2) on the right of way for the railroad tracks, 3) on dam faces and spillways 4) within the Security Controlled Area and 5) along ditch and stream banks. Weed burning is proposed in order to avoid using herbicides that might impact the results of water quality tests on the plant site.

Burning would take place in accordance with a Open Burning Permits granted by the Colorado Department of Health. The total estimated area to be burned is less than 50 acres per year and is made up of small, noncontiguous parcels where weeds need to be controlled. The burns would be attended by a crew of at least eight people equipped with shovels, rakes, and portable water tanks. A 150 gallon water tank would also be on hand to support the fire crew. The RFP fire department would be alerted whenever burning is to commence, and the fire crew would keep in contact with the fire department during the burns. No burns would be conducted when the National Weather Service forecasts a high fire danger for the day.

Weed burning will not conflict with the maintenance of habitats for threatened or endangered species, and will not have adverse effects on wetlands or floodplains on the plant site. Risk assessment calculations show that risk of latent cancer fatalities to the public from burning that may occur within solid waste management units is  $4.1 \times 10^{-9}$ .

Categorical Exclusion to be applied:

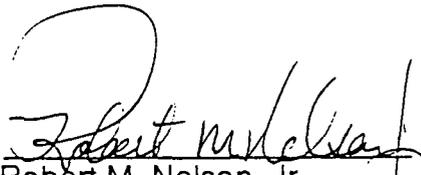
This activity is an action involving routine maintenance of a DOE-owned or operated facility (DOE NEPA Guidelines, 52 FR 47668).

DOE NEPA REGULATIONS SECTION D DETERMINATION  
~~CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION - RFO/GX-003-92~~

Weed Control Burning at Rocky Flats Plant

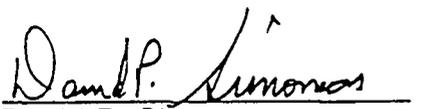
I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion as defined in the Section D of the DOE NEPA Guidelines. Therefore, I approve the categorical exclusion of the proposed action from further NEPA review and documentation.

Date: 10/24/91

Signature:   
Robert M. Nelson, Jr.  
Title: Manager, Rocky Flats Office

Program Sponsor:

Date: October 18, 1991

Signature:   
David P. Simonson  
Title: Manager, Environmental Mgmt.

I have reviewed this determination and find that a categorical exclusion is the appropriate level of NEPA documentation.

Date: October 16, 1991

Signature:   
Patricia M. Powell  
Title: NEPA Compliance Officer

EH-25 has reviewed this determination and has no objection.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol M. Borgstrom  
Title: Director, Office of NEPA Oversight