

2.0 Purpose and Need for Agency Action

The purpose and need for the proposed action is to protect human health and the environment from risks posed by inactive and surplus contaminated DOE facilities. In addition, remediation would allow for the future beneficial use of the facility. Residual radioactivity from neutron activation is present in the reactor vessel, reactor structural components, and shielding structures. The proposed action is needed to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public, DOE and contractor employees, and the environment, consistent with DOE Order 5400.5, Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment.