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Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on August 12, 2021 by email to joelle.odaniellopez@navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than August 12, 2021 to:

Naval Air Station Pensacola  
Joelle O’Daniel-Lopez, NEPA Program Manager  
310 John Towers Road, Building 3560  
Pensacola, FL 32508
United States Navy
Record of Categorical Exclusion For
SAR 21-37 New AT&T Fiber to B630,
Naval Air Station Pensacola,
Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida

Ref: (a) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 USC 4321-4347
(b) Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA, 40 CFR 1500-1508
(c) Policies and Responsibilities for Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act within the Department of the Navy, 32 CFR 775
(d) OPMAN Manual M-5090.1

Encl: (1) Project Environmental Review Sheet (PERS) form
(2) Site Approval Package
(3) NASP Floodplain Public Notice

1. Introduction: This Record of Categorical Exclusion (RCE), prepared in accordance with references (a) through (d), addresses the environmental effects and impacts related to the installation of conduit and fiber optics to building 630 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. A categorical exclusion (CATEX) is defined as "[a] published category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the human environment under normal circumstances, and, therefore, do not require either an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement."

2. Proposed Action: The proposed action is installing buried conduit and fiber optics from HH near intersection of Saufley and Murray to building 630.

3. Applicable Exclusion: This action falls under Categorical Exclusion 35 of 32 CFR 775, which provides for an exception from further NEPA analysis for, "Acquisition, installation, and operation of utility (e.g., water, sewer, electrical) and communication systems (e.g., data processing cable and similar electronic equipment) which use existing rights of way, easements, distribution systems, and or facilities."

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4. **Summary of Environmental Impacts:** 40 CFR 112 requires secondary containment and overfill protection for every fuel/oil tank or container with at least 55-gallon capacity. Please ensure secondary containment is provided for all hazardous materials maintained on-site. Use drip pans during transfer operations; adequate absorbent material must be onsite to clean up any spills and prevent releases to the environment. Cover tanks and drip pans during inclement weather and provide procedures and equipment to prevent overfilling of tanks. Contact the Spill Program Manager at 850-452-9349 for additional information, if needed. All excavations will require a NAS Pensacola Excavation Permit per NASPNCLA INSTRUCTION 11010.3B. Contact the Navy Archaeologist at 850-452-2055 for additional information, if needed.

The Proposed Action is located in a floodplain because the existing buildings are located in a floodplain. The Proposed Action needs to be located in the floodplain because relocation of the buildings is not practicable. Implementation of the Proposed Action would not affect flood frequency or severity because there would be no construction of structures that would increase the potential for an increased amount of flood waters, and all construction actions would be in compliance with applicable State and local flood protection standards.

Due to the Proposed Action being implemented in floodplain areas, Executive Order 11988 requires the Navy to provide a public notice of the Proposed Action. A public notice was issued from 25 May 21 to 25 June 21. The public notice was shown on the NASP Facebook page and the NASP CNIC webpage (Enclosure 3). No comments were received from the public during this period.

Therefore, based on this environmental analysis of the proposed action, the Navy has determined this action would not:

- Adversely affect public health or safety;
- Involve effects on the human environment that are highly uncertain, involve unique or unknown risks, or which are scientifically controversial;
- Establish precedents or make decisions in principle for future actions that have the potential for significant impacts;
- Threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local environmental laws applicable to the Department of the Navy; or
• Involve an action that may:
  o Have more than an insignificant or discountable effect on federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act or have impacts that would rise to the level of requiring an Incidental Take Authorization under the Marine Mammal Protection Act irrespective of whether one is procured;
  o Have an adverse effect on coral reefs or on federally designated wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries and monuments, or parklands;
  o Adversely affect the size, function, or biological value of wetlands and is not covered by a general (nationwide, regional, or state) permit;
  o Have an adverse effect on archaeological resources or resources listed or determined to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (including, but not limited to, ships, aircraft, vessels, and equipment) where compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not been resolved through an agreement executed between the Department of the Navy and the appropriate historic preservation office and other appropriate consulting parties; or
  o Result in an uncontrolled or unpermitted release of hazardous substances or require a conformity determination under standards in 40 CFR part 93, subpart B (the Clean Air Act General Conformity Rule).

5. Record Keeping: This Record of CATEX should be retained in command files for seven years and made available for review during environmental quality assessments. RCEs relying on categorical exclusions #43 and #44 must be uploaded to the OPNAV (N45) Environmental Planning Library Web site per section 10-3.7c(1)(b)4 of Reference (d).
6. **Conclusion:** The undersigned finds that the proposed action is within the scope of CATEX 35 and none of the exclusions from reliance on a CATEX apply in this case. Therefore, the proposed action is excluded from the requirement for further NEPA analysis. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, the Navy finds there is no other practicable alternative to implementing the Proposed Action within the floodplain and that the Proposed Action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to the floodplain environment.

Approved by:

[Signature]

JAMES J. KANE, JR.
Deputy Public Works Officer
Naval Air Station Pensacola
By direction

2/12/2021 Date
## PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SHEET

**Project Name:** SAR 21-37 - New AT&T Fiber to B-630  
**Date:** 3/31/21

### 1. Natural Resources
- **Yes**  
- **X**  
- Does project affect flora?  
- **X**  
- Does project affect fauna?  
- **X**  
- Does project affect Bird-Aircraft Strike Hazards (BASH)?  
- **X**  
- Does project affect erosion?

### 2. Jurisdictional Wetlands or Other Surface Waters [CWA 404(b)(1), E.O. 11990]
- **X**  
- Project is sited in a jurisdictional wetland. See section 13 for required permits.  
- **X**  
- Project is not sited in a jurisdictional wetland.  
- Provided public notice per E.O. 11990 of proposed action for projects with jurisdictional wetlands prior to RCE signature. The RCE Conclusion Section must include a concise Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) statement.

### 3. Flood Plains (E.O. 11988)
- **X**  
- Reviewed most current FEMA Map for the project site (https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home).  
- **X**  
- Project is sited in a 1-percent-annual-chance flood. See section 13 for required permits.  
- Project is not sited in a 1-percent-annual-chance flood (formerly known as the 100-year flood or base flood  
- **X**  
- Provided public notice per E.O. 11988 of proposed action for projects located within flood plains prior to RCE signature. The RCE Conclusion Section must include a concise Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) statement.

### 4. Coastal Zone Management Act (15 CFR 930)
- **X**  
- Project is located within the Coastal Zone.  
- Project is not located within the Coastal Zone.  
- Project is not located in the coastal zone, but has potential to effect coastal uses or resources within the coastal zone (e.g., runoff, emissions, protected species, historic resources, etc.).  
- A Coastal Consistency Determination was submitted to the state coastal management program for the project on __/__/____. (at least 90 days before final approval of the activity, i.e., signed RCE).  
- A Negative Determination was submitted to the state coastal management program for the project on __/__/____. (at least 90 days before final approval of the activity, i.e., signed RCE).  
- Concurrence from the state coastal management program on either the Coastal Consistency Determination or Negative Determination was received on __/__/____.

### 5. Threatened and Endangered Species
- Project has potential for affecting threatened or endangered species or federally designated critical habitats.  
- **X**  
- Project has no potential for affecting threatened or endangered species or federally designated critical habitats.  
- Biological Evaluation/Assessment is required. Consultation concluded with a concurrence received on __/__/____.
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6. **Essential Fish Habitat**
   - Project has potential to affect essential fish habitat. Consultation with NMFS is required.
   - **X** Project does not have potential to affect essential fish habitat.
   - An EFH Assessments was submitted to NMFS on ____/____/____. Consultation concluded with a concurrence received on ____/____/____.

7. **Cultural Resources**
   - Cultural Resources Subject Matter Expert (CR SME) confirms that Project has the potential to affect historic properties. SHPO consultation/concurrence required.
   - **X** CR SME concludes that Project has no potential to affect historic properties. SHPO consultation is not required.
   - CR SME confirms that Project Area of Potential Effects (APE) has been surveyed and no historic properties were identified. SHPO consultation/concurrence required.
   - CR SME confirms that Project will not incur adverse effects on historic properties identified in the APE. SHPO consultation/concurrence required.
   - CR SME confirms that Project will incur an adverse effect on historic properties identified in the APE. SHPO consultation/concurrence required.
   - CR SME confirms that Project will affect sites of interest to federally recognized Indian tribes. Appropriate tribal consultation required.
   - **X** CR SME confirms that Section 106 consultation concluded with a concurrence received on ____/____/____.

8. **Water, Wastewater and Stormwater**

8a. **Water:**
   - **X** Implementation of the Proposed Action will not affect water.
   - Construction permit required for extension of water system. See section 13.
   - Backflow preventer(s) required. Must be field tested by licensed inspector upon installation.
   - Sprinkler system must have rain sensor device.
   - Well drilling/mod/abandonment must be conducted by a licensed contractor. Permit required. (See Section 13.)
   - **Other:** Storm water management plan will require addressing possible contaminated soil exposure.

8b. **Wastewater:**
   - **X** Implementation of the Proposed Action will not affect wastewater.
   - Construction permit required to connect to collection system. See section 13.
   - No permit required.
   - **Other:**

8c. **Stormwater:**
   - **X** Implementation of the Proposed Action will not affect stormwater.
   - Site included in station stormwater master plan; permit required but may access existing stormwater system.
   - NPDES 5-acre site; construction contractor must obtain permit and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (CWA Section 402). See section 13.
   - Notice of Intent/Notice of Termination required.
   - Upon completion site will be included in station Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
   - **X** Other: Erosion control measures in place and/or dust control measures whenever earth is exposed.
   - Other: Power wash runoff must not enter storm drains. Avoid power washing with soap or
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9. Installation Restoration Program (IRP)/Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank (LPST)
   - Facility is on an IRP/LPST site.
   - Facility is sited near an IRP/LPST site. Approximately ______ feet away.
   - **X** Facility is not sited on or near an IRP/LPST site.
   - **X** The nature of the site contamination does not preclude the type of construction activity proposed.
   - **X** Land Use Restrictions are in effect.
   - **X** The proposed facility is acceptable land use.
   - **X** The proposed facility is not acceptable land use.
   - **X** There is a Compliance Agreement associated with this site.
   - **X** A Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study &/or Affected Property Assessment Report was completed on ___/___/___, to accurately delineate the aerial extent of the contamination.

The following activities must be coordinated with the IRP Manager/Navy: excavation, sampling, and 40-hour H&S training.

10. Air Pollutants
    - Will be generated by implementation of the Proposed Action.
    - **X** Request for permit determination is required.
    - **X** Only de minimus air effects are expected (identify sources in RCE).
    - **X** Will not be generated by implementation of the Proposed Action.
    - **X** Conformity applicability analysis is not required.
    - **X** Construction Permit for new air emissions source is not required.
    - **X** Construction Permit for new air emissions source is required. See section 13.
    - **X** Ozone Depleting Substance must be recaptured in conformance with Clean Air Act
    - Contractor is responsible for air emission record keeping.

11. Hazardous Wastes
    - Will implementation of the Proposed Action generate any wastes? **X** Yes ___ No

Hazardous waste generation and disposal must be coordinated with the Station HW Manager.

11a. Asbestos:
    - **X** Present: (See attached Asbestos Survey Certification form.)
    - **X** Not present.
    - Survey completed on ____________.
    - Need asbestos survey.
    - Department of Health Notification Required
    - Contractor is responsible for all Notification fees and disposal costs.

All asbestos work will be done by personnel who hold a license issued by the appropriate regulatory authority.
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11b. Lead Based Paint:  
- Present: (See attached Lead Survey Certification form.)  
- Need lead survey.  
- Survey completed on __________.  
- X Not present. (Lead Survey Certification not required.)

11c. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs):  
- Present: See IR Affected Property Assessment Report  
- X Not present.

Other known hazardous or toxic substances and pollutants (e.g., contaminated soils):  
- X Not present.  
- Present: See IR Affected Property Assessment Report

12. Solid Wastes  
- Solid waste disposal must be coordinated with Solid Waste Manager.  
- Will work being performed on the project generate any nonhazardous waste? _Yes_ _X_No  
- Construction and Demolition debris? _Yes_ _X_No  
- Recyclables? _Yes_ _X_No (All recyclable quantities must be reported/submitted in tons to SWM)

13. Environmental Permits  
- The following permits are required prior to construction:  
  - Army Corps of Engineers Permit for wetland impacts.  
  - Construction permit required for extension of potable water system per __________.  
  - Construction permit required to connect to sanitary collection system per __________.  
  - Well drilling/modification/abandonment Permit required per __________. Work must be performed by a licensed contractor.  
  - NPDES 5-acre site; construction contractor must obtain permit and implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.  
  - Construction permit for new air emissions source.  
  - Dig permit required per _NASPCLA INSTRUCTION 11010.3B_.  
- Other Permits: __________  
- X No permits are required.

14. Extraordinary Circumstances  
Were one or more extraordinary circumstances of 32 CFR 775.6(e)(1) present and a consideration for this proposed action?  
- Yes* _X_No  
*If yes, notify CNRSE Regional NEPA Coordinator immediately.
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### 16. If the proposed action does not require a documented Record of Categorical Exclusion (RCE), complete the following:

The proposed action falls under CATEX ______ and does not require a formally documented RCE, per CNRSEINST 5090.1B (4)(c).

### 17. Are multiple CATEXs being applied to this proposed action? _X_Yes _X_No

Please note the use of multiple CATEXs for a proposed action should be the exception, not the rule. NAVFACSE NEPA Core should also be engaged to ensure consistency across the Region. If it has been determined the use of multiple categorical exclusions (typically no more than 2) are appropriate for the proposed action, please revise the conclusion language of Section 6 of the RCE to the following:

**Conclusion:** The undersigned finds that the proposed action is within the scope of CATEX XX and CATEX XX, and none of the exclusions from reliance on a CATEX apply in this case. Regarding the use of multiple CATEXs for this proposed action, the undersigned also finds that the proposed action has not been improperly of segmented to meet the definition a CATEX; that the proposed action is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts; is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts; and, would not irreversibly commit the Navy to one large action. Therefore, the proposed action is excluded from the requirement for further NEPA analysis.

### 18. Per NRSEINST 5090.2B, please submit complete copies of all signed RCEs with enclosures to the CNRSE Regional NEPA Coordinator within 14 calendar days of signature, in a single pdf file.

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Environmental Reviewers: PERS Form rev May 2020 Enclosure (2)
Site Approval Memorandum of Request

Date: 12/07/2021

From: AT&T FLORIDA
605 W GARDEN ST
PENSACOLA, FL 32502

To: Public Works Department
   Facilities Management Division
   NAS Pensacola, Florida

Subj: FIBER OPTICS FOR NEX AT B-630

1. Please provide the following information:
   a. Originating Activity: NAVY EXCHANGE
   b. Program Year:
   c. Cost:
   d. Type of Funding:
   e. Activity UIC:
   f. Project Title: FIBER OPTICS FOR NEX IN B-630
   g. eProjects WO#:
   h. Type of Project: (Select One from 2nd page)
   i. Type of Request: (Select One from 2nd page)
   j. Project duration: 30-90 DAY FROM EXCAVATION APPROVAL
   k. Mission summary and any applicable documents/directive(s) indicative of requirement.
   l. Project Description / Statement of Work and Intended Use. If this is for a temporary event include dates required: INSTALL BURIED CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTICS FROM HH NEAR INTERSECTION OF SAUFLEY AND MURRAY TO B-630.
   m. Latest Basic Facility Requirement (BFR) and supporting data in accordance with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) P-80 Facility Planning Criteria – If BFR not available or outdated, command may request services to develop/update BFR and Facility Planning Document (FPD).
      Note: Site Approval cannot be approved until BFR and FPD is submitted, if required.
   n. Proposed Site Plan: ATTACHED
   o. Does this project involve any of the following:
      ▪ Explosives safety criteria implications
      ▪ Airfield safety criteria
      ▪ Electromagnetic illumination or electromagnetic transmissions
      ▪ Radioactive elements
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The proposed action is to install approximately 350 feet of new buried conduit and fiber optic cable from an existing handhole to Building 630 located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. As required by EO 11988, a more detailed description of the proposed action is available below.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on June 25, 2021 by email to joelle.odaniellopez@navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than June 25, 2021 to:

Naval Air Station Pensacola
Joelle O’Daniel-Lopez, NEPA Program Manager
310 John Towers Road, Building 3560
Pensacola, FL 32508
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed action is to install approximately 350 feet of new buried conduit and fiber optic cable from an existing handhole to building 630 located on Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary upgrades to the communication services for the Navy Exchange (NEX) and other building tenants.

The Navy is proposing the action in a floodplain because the facility, building 630, is located within the boundaries of floodplains associated with Pensacola Bay and is in need of upgrades to the current data services. There is no existing conduit that can be used to install the new fiber optic cable. Therefore, new buried conduit will be installed from an existing handhole near the intersection of Murray Road and Saufley Avenue to building 630 via directional bore and new fiber optic cable will be installed to provide necessary upgrades to the data services. If no action is provided, data services cannot be upgraded, which would negatively impact the communication abilities for the NEX and other building tenants.

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Location Map

Site Map

New Conduit Installation