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- 1) If our project can be conducted under existing permits, can we submit with our Renewal Application a request for a CX (i.e., a completed *Categorical Exclusion Designation Form*, NETL F 451.1-1/1) instead of an EIV? The State agency with regulatory jurisdiction for the permits has already determined that our proposed project would be covered by existing permits.**

Answer: The Renewal Application requirements indicate that an Environmental Information Volume (EIV) is required as part of a complete Renewal Application package. This requirement remains unchanged. All Phase 2 Applicants must submit an EIV. DOE understands that, due to time constraints, the Applicant may not be able to complete a comprehensive EIV prior to the due date for submission of the Renewal Application. Nonetheless, the Applicant shall provide as much information as possible to satisfy the submission requirement for the EIV. Based on information provided in the EIV, DOE will make a determination on whether the project will require a CX, EA, or EIS. Applicants should keep in mind that while the environmental review is not point scored, it may be considered by the Selection Official when making selections.