Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

**CX, EA, ES APPENDIX AND NUMBER:** 0009225-000

**Rationale for determination:**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

This project number and recipient have previously received a CX on previous work. This new CX has been signed due to the recipient adding additional project locations. The control number reflects the prime recipient has received multiple NEPA determinations. As noted by the NEPA Control Number NETL-0009225-005, this is the fifth CX associated with the initial award.

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix A, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) change a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Order; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators); but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded pollutants and natural or natural-like products that pose or are anticipated to pose non-significant risks to human health and the environment (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance); (4) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (5) have the potential to result in a significant increase in the disposal of materials posing significant risks to human health and the environment (such as RCRA hazardous wastes); or (6) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segregated to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(3)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1508.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: [Signature]

Field Office Manager review required

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**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO:** [Signature]