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:

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or 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 B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and development of new or expanded facilities, new construction or major expansion of existing facilities, or major modifications to existing facilities; (3) disturb environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021; (4) require siting and development of new or expanded facilities, or major modifications to existing facilities, associated with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)); (5) involve genetically engineered or synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA 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 proposed action.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(a)(3)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), 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.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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

Electronically Signed by Jesse Garcia

Date: 7/26/2021

NEPA Compliance Office

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

☑ Field Office Manager review not required

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**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NOC:**

Field Office Manager's Signature:  

Date:  

Field Office Manager