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:**

**Description:**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**Rationale for determination:**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

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-0009225-019, this is the ninth CX associated with the initial award.

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) falls 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 construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance; (2) involve significant unresolved environmental issues; (3) have the potential to result in significant exposure to hazardous chemicals, pollutants, or contaminants, or CERCLA hazardous wastes; (4) have the potential to result in a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region; or (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be conducted only in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

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 been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 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]

Date: 7/26/2021

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

- Field Office Manager review not required

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

Field Office Manager's Signature: [Signature]

Date: [Date]