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:

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or 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 requirement for environment, safety, or health; or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require string and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators); or the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(6) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, or governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be conducted or continued in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment or conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(6) 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 proposal.

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 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(b)(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.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: __________ Date: __________

**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: __________