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 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 be 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, and health; or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Order; (2) require siting and construction of major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators); (3) be proposed to include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities; (4) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (5) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance); (6) involve significant unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (such as rare or limited raw materials); (7) have the potential to cause a significant change in energy consumption in a state or region.

Rationale for determination:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.