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

Notes:

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-0009225-0023, this is the twenty-third CX associated with the initial award.

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or part of the proposed action 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 construction of a major expansion or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incineration), 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 petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be no exposure to human health and the environment; or (4) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure (such as construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance), or involve significant new construction or substantial expansion of manufacturing plants that would have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) 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 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 and 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:** 10/27/2021

**NEPA Compliance Officer**

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

☐ Field Office Manager review not required

☐ Field Office Manager review required

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

**Field Office Manager’s Signature:**

**Date:**

**NEPA Compliance Officer**