Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 431.1), I have made the following determination:

Rationale for determination:

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination.

The NEPA Determination applies to the following Topic Areas, Budget Periods, and/or tasks:

The NEPA Determination does not apply to the following Topic Area, Budget Periods, and/or tasks:

A completed EQI is required for the TBD location sites/charging stations. A separate NEPA review is required for the TBD location sites. This CX covers all activities except the TBD location sites.

Notes:

This project number and recipient have previously received a CX on previous work. This new CX has been signed by 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-0009225-0035, this is the thirty-fifth CX associated with the initial award.

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

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 on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(6) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subject D, Appendix B, which involve generally engineered systems, synthesis biology, environmentally sensitive resource use, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be covered in a manner designed and operated to prevent uncontrolled release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(6) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subject D, Appendix B. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significant of the environmental effects of the proposal.

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A portion of the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review. The NEPA Provisions identifies Topic Areas, Budget Periods, tasks, and/or subtasks that are subject to additional NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3/9/2022

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 NOC :

Field Office Manager's Signature: [Signature]

Date: [Date]