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 an additional sub and locations. The control number reflects the prime recipient has received multiple NEPA determinations. As noted by the NEPA Control Number NETL-0009230-002, this is the second CX associated with the initial award.

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal (or the Rationale above) (for 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 string and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment faciilities; (3) significantly impact the human environment; (4) disturb historically significant sites; (5) involve construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance; (6) 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; (7) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, genetically designated natural seeds, or microorganisms, unless the proposed activity would be contained and designed to prevent uncontrolled release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, as those listed in paragraph (b)(3) 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), it 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 1906.1 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: 3/21/2022

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager reviewer not required

Field Office Manager reviewer required

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NOC:

Field Office Manager's Signature: Date: