NEPA DETERMINATION

The Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership: An Electrification Ecosystem of Intermodal Leadership and Intercity Travel

Background:
- Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination
- Small-scale research and development, laboratory operations, and pilot projects
- Actions to conserve energy or water
- Electric vehicle charging stations

Rationale for determination:
- The Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership: An Electrification Ecosystem of Intermodal Leadership and Intercity Travel is a proposal that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements; (2) cause a significant change in manufacturing processes that would not: (1) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure; (2) involve the construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance; (3) involve significant unanticipated conflicts concerning the availability of resources; (4) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region; or (5) disturb significant biological resources.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination.

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

A completed EQ 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 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-0009225-0041, this is the forty-first CX associated with the initial award.

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed actions (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fit 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 A, a proposal must be one that would not (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb significant biological resources; (4) have the potential to cause a significant change in manufacturing infrastructure; (5) involve the construction of new manufacturing plants with considerable associated ground disturbance; or (6) have the potential to cause a significant increase in energy consumption in a state or region.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed actions 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 on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(3) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B. The project has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

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

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Date: 4/22/2022

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NOAA