

RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

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Title: Remote Pipeline Valve Satellite Upgrade

Description: The contractor shall furnish all equipment and software required to perform the work regarding the upgrade of the Remote Pipeline Valve Satellite Transmission Equipment controlled from the Big Hill and West Hackberry SPR sites. The vendor shall supply new SkyEdge II satellite transmission equipment and associated cabling to replace the currently installed SkyEdge I equipment at each of the 18 remote valve stations. The vendor shall realign and tune in the satellite dishes at each remote valve station as necessary to connect to the SkyEdge II satellite and re-establish communications over the new SkyEdge II network. The vendor shall supply new SkyEdge II satellite transmission equipment and associated cabling to replace the currently installed SkyEdge I equipment inside and outside the control buildings at Big Hill and West Hackberry.

Regulatory Requirements National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1021)

10 CFR 1021.410 (Application of Categorical Exclusions)

(a) The actions listed in Appendices A and B of Subpart D are classes of actions that Department of Energy (DOE) has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment (categorical exclusions).

(b) To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:

- (1) The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B of Subpart D;
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) The proposal is not "connected" (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) to other actions with potentially significant impact, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Appendix B (Categorical Exclusions Applicable to Specific Agency Actions)

The proposed action must not:

1. Threaten a violation of statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/or Executive Orders;
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 hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that would be uncontrolled or un-permitted releases;
4. Have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, which includes (i) property (sites, buildings, structures, and objects) of historical, archeological, or architectural significance; (ii) federally-listed and state-listed threatened or endangered species or their habitat, federally-protected marine mammals and essential fish habitat and otherwise federally-protected species; (iii) floodplains and wetlands; (iv) federally and state designated areas (wilderness areas, national parks, national monuments, national natural landmarks, wild and scenic rivers, wildlife refuges, scenic areas, and marine sanctuaries); (v) prime or unique farmland; (vi) special sources of water (sole-source aquifers, wellhead protection areas, and other vital water resources); and (vii) tundra, coral reefs, or rain forests); or
5. Involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species.

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Environmental Analysis: (mark all environmental aspects that are applicable to this project)

Air Emissions		Environmental Monitoring		Fire	
Green Procurement		Project Design		Waste	X
Spills/Releases		Cavern Integrity		Discharges	
Energy Use		Natural Resource Conservation		Water Use	
Transportation		Chemical Use/Selection	X	Public Involvement	
Sustainable Building		Electronic Stewardship		Wetlands Permitting	
Clean Water		Pollution Prevention			

Categorical Exclusion (CX) Determination

NEPA review suggests this project is a Categorical Exclusion. This suggestion is based on review of the project description. If there are changes in the scope of this project additional NEPA review may be required.

CX to be applied B2.2

Installation of, or improvements to, building and equipment instrumentation (including, but not limited to, remote control panels, remote monitoring capability, alarm and surveillance systems, control systems to provide automatic shutdown, fire detection and protection systems, water consumption monitors and flow control systems, announcement and emergency warning systems, criticality and radiation monitors and alarms, and safeguards and security equipment).

NEPA Approval

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1) I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the action is hereby excluded from further NEPA review.

Approved By

DOE NEPA Compliance Officer

Stephen Reese

NEPA Review Summary

Created By:	Dubuc, Matthew
Date NEPA Review Initiated:	12/14/2021
Type of NEPA Review:	Type B
Project ID Number:	BH-MM-2091, WH-MM-2092
Title:	Remote Pipeline Valve Satellite Upgrade
Workflow Status:	Approved

If Workflow Status is Rejected, see below for Reason:

Concurrence Details:

Auger, Jennifer 12/14/2021
FFPO Environmental Concurrence Compliance Date
(not required for Type A-DOE Only Record of NEPA Review or Type B-DOE Only Record of Categorical Exclusion Determination)

Crosby, Thomas 12/14/2021
SPR Derivative Classifier Compliance Date
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Woods, Will 12/20/2021
DOE ES&H Director (or Acting) Compliance Date
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Reese, Stephen 1/3/2022
DOE NEPA Compliance Officer (or Acting) Compliance Date

ALL SIGNATURES WERE CAPTURED VIA THE ELECTRONIC WORKFLOW SYSTEM.

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