

## **RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

**Project ID No.:** BH Potable Water Contract

**Title:** Big Hill Potable Water Service

**Description:** The Trinity Bay Conservation District (TBCD), Anahuac, Texas, shall supply the monthly potable water service to the Big Hill Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) site for a period of ten (10) years.

The TBCD public water system supplying water to the Big Hill SPR site shall be designed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems, 30 TAC Chapter 290, Subchapter D, RG-195, Revised December 2019, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Water Supply Division.

Potable water shall be supplied to the Big Hill SPR site's water meter at a minimum rate of 100 gallons per minute and at a minimum pressure of 35 pounds per square inch gauge. The TBCD public water system shall be capable of supplying the following quantities of potable water to the Big Hill SPR site:

- Average monthly consumption = 450,000 gallons
- Average daily consumption = 15,000 gallons
- Maximum daily consumption = 35,000 gallons

**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

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weeds, or invasive species.

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

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| Air Emissions        |  | Environmental Monitoring      |  | Fire                |  |
| Green Procurement    |  | Project Design                |  | Waste               |  |
| Spills/Releases      |  | Cavern Integrity              |  | Discharges          |  |
| Energy Use           |  | Natural Resource Conservation |  | Water Use           |  |
| Transportation       |  | Chemical Use/Selection        |  | 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 A.8

Awards of contracts for technical support services, management and operation of a government-owned facility, and personal services.

**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

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| <b>Created By:</b>                 | Dubuc, Matthew                 |
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| <b>Project ID Number:</b>          | BH Potable Water Contract      |
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| <b>Workflow Status:</b>            | Approved                       |

If Workflow Status is Rejected, see below for Reason:

## Concurrence Details:

**Auger, Jennifer** 6/14/2022  
*FFPO Environmental Concurrence Compliance Date*  
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**Reese, Stephen** 6/21/2022  
*DOE NEPA Compliance Officer (or Acting) Compliance Date*

**ALL SIGNATURES WERE CAPTURED VIA THE ELECTRONIC WORKFLOW SYSTEM.**

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