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NEPA Compliance Officer Rationale

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NEPA Amendment ID No.: 11-004

Bldg. 12-143 Permanent Parking Lot, Amendment 1

Application of DOE NEPA Procedure: Categorical Exclusion B1.3, Applicable to Facility Operations (10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B), applies to this proposal. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary for the activity described in NEPA Review Form (NRF) Amendment No. 11-004, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Rationale: The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, proposes to make permanent the temporary construction road that was developed to the west of Building 12-143 during construction of the permanent parking lot. A permanent road would facilitate access to the rear of Buildings 12-142 and 12-143 for security and emergency vehicles. All other aspects of the project are as stated in the original documentation, NEPA Review Form PXP-10-0002, which is also incorporated by reference.

Resurfacing of the existing temporary construction road to make it permanent fits within the parameters of Categorical Exclusion B1.3:

“Routine maintenance activities and custodial services for buildings, structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures (e.g., pathways, roads, and railroads) Routine maintenance activities include, but are not limited to: (j) Road and parking area resurfacing.”

Based upon the information in NEPA Amendment No. 11-004, this proposal to resurface the existing temporary construction road to make it permanent does not present any extraordinary circumstances of a unique or uncertain nature. It is not connected to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts.¹ It would not²:

1. threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/or Executive Orders;

¹ See 10 CFR § 1021.410(b)(2)and(3)for full text of regulation.

² See 10 CFR Part 1021 Subpart D Appendix B (B(1)through(4)).

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;
3. disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or
4. adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)).

Therefore, this proposal meets the conditions that are the integral elements of the classes of actions to which application of Categorical Exclusion B1.3 is appropriate.

If changes are made to the scope of action as described in NEPA Amendment No. 11-004, or if the scope is expanded to encompass other actions, NEPA requirements for the action will need to be reassessed at that time.

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