

DOE-ID NEPA CX DETERMINATION

SECTION A. Project Title: Upgrade of Missouri S&T Reactor for Distance Learning – Missouri University of Science and Technology

SECTION B. Project Description

Missouri S&T will purchase and install equipment that will enable distance learning. The required sets of equipment are in the following categories:

- Data acquisition systems together with rod height data system
- Internet accessible detector systems at the MSTR
- Video conferencing systems at the MSTR building and participating institutions

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects / Potential Sources of Impact

The action consists of funding the purchase of equipment and instruments for an existing program. The action would not create additional environmental impacts above those already occurring at the university.

SECTION D. Determine the Level of Environmental Review (or Documentation) and Reference(s): Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

Note: For Categorical Exclusions (CXs) the proposed action must not: 1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE orders; 2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities; 3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; 4) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist which would affect the significance of the action, and the action is not “connected” nor “related” (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and (2), respectively) to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts.

References: B1.7 Acquisition, installation, operation, modification, and removal of electricity transmission control and monitoring devices for grid demand and response, communication systems, data processing equipment, and similar electronic equipment.

Justification: The activity consists of purchasing and installing electronic equipment.

Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Yes No

Approved by Jack Depperschmidt, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on 11/28/2011