

Record of Categorical Exclusion for

Retooling the [REDACTED]

Chrysler Group LLC

Description of Proposed Action:

The Department of Energy's (DOE's) proposed action is to issue a loan to Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) for retooling and reequipping the [REDACTED]. The loan would be used for the installation of machining and assembly systems to manufacture various components such as [REDACTED].

The retooling activities would not involve new construction or changes to the air, liquid, or solid waste emissions of the facility. The [REDACTED] will remain a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator of hazardous waste.

Approximately [REDACTED] workers would be retained to operate the retooled facility.

The proposed loan would be made pursuant to Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, as amended, which provides for loans to eligible automobile manufacturers and component suppliers for projects that reequip, expand, and establish manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce light-duty vehicles and components that provide meaningful improvement in fuel economy, and for engineering integration costs associated with such projects.

Number and Title of Categorical Exclusion:

The actions that would be taken pursuant to the ATVM loan for Chrysler's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are covered by categorical exclusion B1.31, which includes retooling and reequipping activities. The full text of the categorical exclusion is as follows:

B1.31, as provided in 10 CFR § 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, Relocation of machinery and equipment, such as analytical laboratory apparatus, electronic hardware, maintenance equipment, and health and safety equipment, including minor construction necessary for removal and installation, where uses of the relocated items will be similar to their former uses and consistent with the general missions of the receiving structure.

Regulatory Requirements defined in 10 CFR § 1021.410 (b):

The proposed ATVM loan and related actions described above were subjected to an environmental due diligence review by ATVM staff to ensure they are consistent with the specific categories of actions (categorical exclusions) contained in Appendix B of 10 CFR Part 1021 and the conditions for applying categorical exclusions specified in Section 410 of Part 1021. To ensure that the requirements of Appendix B were met, the Comprehensive Environmental Report Addendum dated [REDACTED], was reviewed as well as a [REDACTED], revised Addendum submitted in response to ATVM staff comments on the [REDACTED] Addendum. In addition to the environmental documentation reviewed and several conference calls with Chrysler staff, ATVM staff conducted site visits to Chrysler facilities including the [REDACTED] and the following facilities on [REDACTED]: Technology Center at Auburn Hills; [REDACTED]. The sites were selected as representative samples of Chrysler facilities covered by the proposed loan. The visits were conducted in order to determine if any extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude application of the above-mentioned categorical exclusions. The results of the environmental due diligence review produced the following findings:

- The proposed loan project does not threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory or permit requirements for environmental, safety and health, including DOE and /or Executive Orders;
- The proposed loan project does not require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities;
- The proposed loan project does not disturb hazardous substance, pollutants, contaminants or CERCLA-excluding petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases;
- The proposed action is not a connected action as set forth in 40 CFR § 1508.25(a)(2)); and
- The proposed action is not part of a DOE proposal for which an EIS is being prepared and therefore a CE is not precluded by 40 CFR § 1506.1 or 10 CFR § 1021.211.

The environmental due diligence review also determined that the proposed project associated with the ATVM loan does not adversely affect any environmentally sensitive resources, including the following:

- Property of historic, archaeological, or architectural significance designated by Federal, state, or local governments or property eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;
- Federal-listed threatened or endangered species or their habitat (including critical habitat), Federally-proposed or candidate species or their habitat, or state-listed endangered species or their habitat;
- Wetlands regulated under the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and floodplains; or
- Special sources of water (such as sole source aquifers, wellhead protection areas, and other water sources that are vital in a region.

The Corporate Validation below is an indication of Chrysler Group's concurrence with the findings and determinations presented above. The Comment section below is provided for any necessary clarifications.

Comment: _____


Corporate Validation:

Name and Title (Print): GREGORY M. ROSE, DIRECTOR Date: 1/28/2011

Signature: 

Determination:

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as prescribed by DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed loan and associated actions involve no extraordinary circumstances (10 CFR 1021.410(b)) and fit within the specified category of actions in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021 described above, and are hereby categorically excluded from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USC 4321, as amended).


Signature
Matthew McMillen
NEPA Compliance Officer
Loan Programs Office

1-31-2011
Date