

RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Project ID No. BH-MM-1329

Title: Direct Assessment and Repair of BH-SUN 36-inch Crude Oil Pipeline

Description: Subcontractor shall provide all supervision, transportation, labor, materials and equipment required to locate, excavate and inspect an internal corrosion anomaly at one location on the Big Hill to SUN Terminal 36-inch crude oil pipeline. Inspections will be performed by Automated Ultrasonic Testing. Repairs shall be performed based on the inspection results. All work will be performed on the DOE pipeline right-of-way.

Drawings indicate that the area where excavation will occur is not located in jurisdictional wetlands, based on a review of the location scaled onto the wetlands map. All excavation work must remain fully within the DOE pipeline right-of-way and the area must be returned to its original condition upon completion of work.

Regulatory Requirements: [NEPA Implementing Procedures \(10 CFR 1021\)](#)

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 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, 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 would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or
4. Adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

Categorical Exclusion to be applied: B5.4

Repair, replacement, upgrading, rebuilding, or minor relocation of pipelines within existing rights-of-way, provided that the actions are in accordance with applicable requirements. Pipelines may convey materials including air, brine, carbon dioxide, geothermal system fluids, hydrogen gas, natural gas, nitrogen gas, oil, produced water, steam, and water.

Electronic approval via NEPA Workflow

**Approved by SPRPMO
NEPA Compliance Officer**

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Determination Date