

RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Project ID No. BH-MM-1253B

Title: Close BH Anhydrite Pond 9 – Pilot Test Temporary Pipe Re-route

Description: Subcontractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment and supervision required to build a ramp on the northeast corner of the BH Anhydrite Pond No. 9, install a liner and attach to the top of the dike concrete wall on the southeast corner of the BH Oil Recovery Pond No. 37, install temporary piping for the pilot test to wash the anhydrite from Pond No. 9, and relocate Instrument B000-ASH-90 and its oil/water indicator lights from Pond No. 9 to Pond No. 37.

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: [B3.6](#)

Siting, construction, modification, operation and decommissioning of facilities for small-scale research and development projects; conventional laboratory operations; and small-scale pilot projects frequently conducted to verify a concept before demonstration actions, provided that construction or modification would be within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area.

Electronic approval via NEPA Workflow
Approved by SPRPMO
NEPA Compliance Officer

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