



# U.S. Department of Energy

## Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Project Title: Monitoring Wells for Emulsified Zero-Valent Iron Deployment Northwest of M-Area Settling Basin

Program or Field Office: Savannah River Site

Location(s) (City/County/State): Aiken/Aiken/South Carolina

Proposed Action or Project Description:

In Western Sector of the M-Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility, emulsified zero-valent iron (EZVI) will be injected as an in-situ remedial technology intended to target chlorinated volatile organic compounds suspected to exist as residual dense non-aqueous phase liquid in the subsurface. Four strategically located 2-inch diameter monitoring wells will be installed to a depth of approximately 175 feet to observe the effects of the EZVI deployment, northwest of the M-Area Settling Basin. Core and soil samples will be collected at each location. Soil sampling will determine the vertical profile of the volatile organic compound plume. A separate Environmental Evaluation Checklist will be submitted for the actual injection of the EZVI.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B6.1 - Cleanup actions

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of [10 CFR Part 1021](#).

- There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.
- This proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or § 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.
- All of the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021 would be met. This proposal would not threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; 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 or facilities; 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; have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021; involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: **Tracy Williams** Digitally signed by Tracy Williams  
Date: 2021.12.02 11:29:55 -05'00'

Date Determined: 11/23/2021

Comments: CBU-M-2021-0035, Rev. 0