



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Lease Renewals, Suites 100, 300, and 400 at 717 Potter Street, Berkeley, California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (**LB-CX-20-02**)

Program or Field Office: Bay Area Site Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Berkeley, California

Proposed Action Description:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to maintain on-going operations and research activities at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) by renewing leases of individual suites at 717 Potter Street in Berkeley, California. LBNL conducts biosciences-related research at the Potter Street facility including in the areas of cancer, DNA damage and repair, radiation biology, genome structure and function, neurodegenerative diseases, structural biology, soil-microbe-plant systems, bio-fuel production, and bioremediation. LBNL leases a total of 95,369 rentable square feet (rfs) at 717 Potter Street in four separate suites: Suites 100, 200, 300, and 400.

717 Potter Street, Suites 100 and 400 are a combined (approximately) 23,000 rentable square feet of research and administrative (lab and office) space; the lease terms for those suites would be extended from August 1, 2020 until July 31, 2025. 717 Potter Street, Suite 300 is approximately 12,000 rentable square feet of lab and office space; its lease term would be extended from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2025. There are no expected changes to rented space, occupancy, functions, or amenities such as parking under these proposed lease extensions. (717 Potter Street, Suite 200 recently received DOE NEPA approval for a lease extension to January 31, 2025.)

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.24 – Property transfers

B3.6 – Small-scale research and development, laboratory operations, and pilot projects

A9 – Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination

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](#).

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

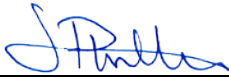
To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) 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; (3) 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; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) 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, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.


The 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 10 CFR

1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

I concur that the above description accurately describes the proposed action.

LBNL Environmental Planner: _____
Date Determined: 12-09-2019

Jeff Philliber

I concur that the above description accurately describes the proposed action.

BASO Project Manager: _____
Date Determined: 01-10-2020

Rick Chapman

The above description accurately describes the proposed action, which reflects the requirements of the CX cited above. Therefore, I recommend that the proposed action be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

BASO MIP Division Director: _____
Date Determined: _____
Mary Gross

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1 B), 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: _____ **Date Determined:** [Click here to enter a date.](#)