

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



**RECIPIENT:** Indiana Office of Energy Development

**STATE:** IN

**PROJECT TITLE :** Ports of Indiana-AF Vehicle, EV Charger

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	EE-0008647	GFO-0008647-004	

**Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:**

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

<b>B5.23 Electric vehicle charging stations</b>	The installation, modification, operation, and removal of electric vehicle charging stations, using commercially available technology, within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions are limited to areas where access and parking are in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.
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Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the State of Indiana for the purchase of an alternative fuel vehicle and the installation of a Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging station in an existing parking lot at the Ports of Indiana, Burns Harbor Office. The EV Charger would help promote the use of electric vehicles in a low-income community directly south of the Ports of Indiana office in Portage, IN.

Proposed award activities would include the installation of the EV charging station in the southeast corner of the building next to existing parking spaces. This would require an eight to 10 foot long trench measuring two inches wide and 12 inches deep, from the charging station to existing electric equipment in the building. All ground disturbing activities would occur on paved or previously disturbed areas. Asphalt would be removed for the trenching and would be replaced once the electrical conduit was placed. All electrical work would be completed by a licensed electrician.

The installation process would last for about one day. There would be a small amount of jackhammering, but individuals in the area would be notified in advance about the noise. There would be a minor visual impact for the surrounding community with the installation of the charging station.

The recipient worked directly with their State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to ensure protection of cultural resources during the project activities, per their historic preservation programmatic agreement with DOE and the Indiana SHPO. The State Historic Preservation Officer has confirmed that the area is considered developed land and the proposed project activities would not affect any historic properties, archeological resources, or any locations listed on the National Register of Historic Places. DOE is in agreement with this May 19, 2022 determination from the Indiana SHPO.

The project site is outside of the 100-year floodplain.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office – State Energy Program (WIPO-SEP)  
Review completed by Alex Colling on 06/02/2022.

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) 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 proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action 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.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Electronically Signed By: Casey Strickland

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 6/3/2022

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_