

U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management



PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION: Capacity Building for Fossil Asset Transitions Administrative Actions

- DOE Office Subprogram (if applicable): FECM - Energy Asset Transformation
- DOE POC for the effort: Bhima Sastri
- Anticipated duration of effort: 1 year
- Estimated budget: \$3.5 million
- Funding Type (e.g., BIL, IRA, TCF, annual appropriations): annual appropriations
- Funding from Fiscal Year(s): FY23

Through collaborative contract work DOE will facilitate matchmaking, and/or connections through events and clearinghouses; coordination with convening bodies, such as Manufacturing Extension Partnership Centers; providing collaboration spaces and other means to bring together potential solution providers including small business and non-traditional partners to complement the activities of DOE programs, DOE Laboratories, and DOE Facilities. **No DOE funds associated with this action or the action, of DOE contractors, will be used in the disturbance of soil, or pollution of water or air.**

Through collaborative contract work DOE will provide technical assistance to increase outreach and lower barriers of access for domestic small businesses, academic institutions, non-traditional partners, and industry, with the goal of increasing the likelihood of engagement between such entities and DOE and its Laboratories and Facilities.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPLIED: A11- Technical Advice and Assistance To Organizations.

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.

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.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, 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.

Signature: James J. Ward Digitally signed by James J. Ward
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Date Determined: July 5, 2023

James Ward, NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717b.