

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - NETL

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DESIGNATION FORM

Project No.: DE-FE0032442 Recipient Name: New Mexico Tech (NMT) Project Location: Socorro/Farmington, NM
Sub-recipient(s) and Locations:

U. New Mexico: Albuquerque, NM; U. Houston: Houston, TX; U. Utah: Salt Lake City, UT; Wheaton College: Wheaton, IL; Tallgrass: Houston TX, Lakewood CO; Enchant: Farmington, NM; LANL: Los Alamos NM; Sandia NL: Albuquerque, NM

NETL Sponsoring Org.: Carbon Transport and Storage NETL Contact: Matthew Kaminski
Brief Title of Proposed Action: Four Corners Carbon Storage Hub: CarbonSAFE Phase III Project

Brief Description of Activities:
Permitting activities, computer modeling, planning, laboratory analysis, and the workover of an existing well and associated testing in support of characterization of a geologic storage site.

THE PROPOSED ACTION FALLS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION(S) FROM APPENDICES A AND B TO SUBPART D OF DOE NEPA IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES (10 CFR 1021):

General Administration/Management

- A1 – Routine business actions
- A9 – Info gathering, analysis, documentation, dissemination, and training
- A11 – Technical advice and planning assistance

Facility Operations

- B1.3 – Routine maintenance and custodial services
- B1.7 – Communication system and data processing equipment acquisition, installation, operation, removal
- B1.15 – Support building or structure, non-waste storage, construction/operation

Safety and Health

- B2.1 – Modifications to enhance workplace habitability
- B2.2 – Installation/improvement of building/equipment instrumentation
- B2.3 – Installation of equipment for personnel safety and health

General Research

- B3.1 – Site characterization/environmental monitoring
- B3.6 – R&D or pilot facility construction/operation/decommissioning
- B3.7 – New infill exploratory, experimental oil/gas/geothermal well construction and/or operation
- B3.9 – Certain CCT demonstration activities, emissions unchanged
- B3.11 – Outdoor tests, experiments on materials and equipment components

Electrical Power and Transmission

- B4.4 – Power management activities (storage, load shaping, and balancing)
- B4.6 – Transmission support addition/modifications at developed facility site
- B4.11 – Construction of power substations and interconnection facilities
- B4.13 – Upgrading and rebuilding existing power lines (< 20 miles)

Conservation, Fossil, and Renewable Energy Activities

- B5.1 – Actions to conserve energy, no indoor air quality degradation
- B5.3 – Modification/abandonment of wells
- B5.5 – Short crude oil/gas/steam/geothermal/carbon dioxide pipeline const/oper within an existing right-of-way (< 20 miles) between existing facilities
- B5.13 – Experimental wells for injection of small quantities of carbon dioxide (< 500,000 tons)
- B5.15 – Small scale renewable energy research/development/pilot projects
- B5.22 – Alternative fuel vehicle fueling stations
- B5.23 – Electric vehicle charging stations

Other

- Specify category: B5.12 Workover of existing wells
- Specify category:
- Specify category:

This action (1) would not present any extraordinary circumstances such that the action might have a significant impact upon the human environment; (2) is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts; (3) is not related to other actions with cumulatively significant impacts; and (4) is not inconsistent with 10 CFR 1021.211 - Interim Actions or 40 CFR 1506.1 - Limitations during the NEPA process.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- This Categorical Exclusion includes all tasks and phases in the Statement of Work or Statement of Project Objectives for this project.
- This Categorical Exclusion is only valid for the following tasks/phases except drilling&3D seism. The DOE initiator acknowledges the responsibility to obtain a NEPA determination prior to initiating any activities outside the scope of this Categorical Exclusion.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- This Categorical Exclusion includes all locations and activities for this project.
- Additional sites, sub-recipients, or activities cannot be identified at this time. The DOE initiator acknowledges the responsibility to obtain a NEPA determination prior to initiating any activities outside the scope of this Categorical Exclusion.

NOTE: ANY CHANGE(S) TO THE PROJECT SCOPE OR LOCATIONS MAY REQUIRE A NEW NEPA DETERMINATION.

DOE Initiator Signature: Matthew Kaminski Digitally signed by Matthew Kaminski Date: 2023.12.07 15:57:57 -0500

Date: 12 / 07 / 2024
month day year

NEPA Compliance Officer: Pierina Fayish Digitally signed by Pierina Fayish Date: 2024.01.03 15:57:57 -0500

Date: 01 / 03 / 2023
month day year

The following special condition is provided for the consideration of the Contracting Officer: