



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Lease Renewal, Suite 200 at 717 Potter Street, Berkeley, California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LB-CX-24-02)

Program or Field Office: DOE Berkeley Site Office

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

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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 a lease of suite 200 at 717 Potter Street in Berkeley, California. The proposed action would renew the existing lease for five years, beginning on February 1, 2025 and ending on January 31, 2030. There are no expected changes to rented space, occupancy, functions, or amenities such as parking, under this proposal.

717 Potter Street, suite #200 is approximately 60,000 rentable square feet (rfs) of research and administrative (lab and office) space used by LBNL's biosciences divisions. 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 rfs at 717 Potter Street in four separate suites: Suites 100, 200, 300, and 400.

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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

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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: 05-14-24  
Jeff Philliber

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

**BASO NEPA Program Manager:** Jose Roldan Digitally signed by Jose Roldan Date: 2024.05.15 11:25:01 -07'00' Date Determined:             
Jose Roldan

**BASO MIP Division Director:**  5/17/2024 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:** **PETER SIEBACH** Digitally signed by PETER SIEBACH Date: 2024.06.07 15:00:05 -05'00' Date Determined: [Click here to enter a date.](#)