



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Date Reviewed: 10/9/2025
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Proposed Action Title: Safety, Health, and Environmental Improvements for FY2026 and FY2027

Program or Field Office: DOE/NNSA/Pantex Field Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Amarillo/Carson/Texas

Proposed Action Description:

This Categorical Exclusion Determination (CXD) addresses specific activities which can be performed at locations associated with Pantex Plant pertaining to safety, health, and environmental improvements. The types of activities within the scope of this review would be: modifications to an existing structure to enhance workplace habitability; installation of, or improvements to, building and equipment instrumentation; installation of, or improvements to, equipment for personnel safety and health; and safety and environmental improvements to a facility, including replacement and upgrade of facility components, that do not result in a significant change in the expected useful life, design production capacity, or function of the facility, and during which operations may be suspended and then resumed. Categorical Exclusions to be used for the various activities include: 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, Sections B2.1 Workplace enhancements, B2.2 Building and equipment instrumentation, B2.3 Personnel safety and health equipment, B2.4 Equipment qualification, B2.5 Facility safety and environmental improvements, and B2.6 Recovery of radioactive sealed sources. This review may be used for either type of activity and not written to be all inclusive, and is generically written as a tiered document for routine Plant activities. Although routine activities may tier off of this document, they would be evaluated on an individual basis. If a project were to have the potential for environmental impacts, a project-specific NEPA Review Form would be prepared to include those factors.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B to [10 CFR Part 1021](#), and also Section 5.4 (Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal) and Appendices B and C of [DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures](#) (June 30, 2025).

Requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures: (See full text in regulation and in Implementing Procedures)

- ☒ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B and C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).
- To fit within the classes of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021, or Appendix B of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B of both 10 CFR Part 1021 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures.
- ☒ There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. DOE or an applicant may modify the proposal to avoid reasonably foreseeable adverse significant effects such that the categorical exclusion would apply.
- ☒ The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

[Note: For proposals that fit within the categorical exclusions listed in Appendix C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, see DOE's notice of adoption for the subject Appendix C categorical exclusion for additional considerations. DOE notices of adoption for other agency categorical exclusions may be found on [DOE's Section 109 webpage](#).]

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 requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: