



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Categorical Exclusion ID#: PFO/CX-0001

Proposed Action Title: Fermi America Secondary Water Main Project

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

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

Proposed Action Description

This proposed action establishes and grants an easement across U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) owned property to accommodate the installation and maintenance of a new domestic water line to be owned by Fermi America. The proposed easement would be approximately 50 feet in width and would accommodate a 36-inch diameter water main. The total length of the water main extending across DOE property would be approximately 15,000 linear feet providing service hydrants every one-half mile interval for operational maintenance and emergency response actions.

This action seeks to support a critical utility need for the neighboring property (Texas Tech University & Fermi America) while ensuring minimal impact to Pantex operations. The project would adhere to all relevant federal, state, and local regulations. Construction and maintenance activities would be performed within previously disturbed land with oversight by Pantex M&O Contractor.

The proposed project was found not to have significant environmental effects and fits within a class of actions categorically excluded from further review.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B, B5.5 Short Pipeline Segments

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102, Appendix B, and also Section 5.4 and Appendices B and C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).

To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:

- (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B or C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025). To fit within these classes of actions a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of action in Appendix B of both 10 CFR Part 1021 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures;
 - (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
 - (3) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.
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UNCLASSIFIED

This document has been reviewed by a DC/RO and has been determined to be UNCLASSIFIED, not UCN, and contains no CUI based on current classification guidance. This review does not constitute a review for CUI outside of classification guidance and does not constitute clearance for Public Release.

Name: Maria Holt

Date Reviewed: 3/5/2026

Pantex eDC/RO ID: 966348



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NEPA Compliance Officer Determination

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession concerning the proposed action, as a designated NNSA 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:

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