



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Texas Tech University System (TTUS) Artificial Intelligence Project (AI) Project - Land Transfer and Fencing Project

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

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

Proposed Action Description:

For Background Purposes: DOE/NNSA proposes to transfer approximately 650 acres of federally owned property located in Carson County, Texas to the TTUS in exchange for approximately 1,280 acres of TTUS owned property located adjacent to the DOE/NNSA owned Pantex Plant. The property transfer described above would support TTUS development of AI infrastructure and benefit future infrastructure and mission goals of the Pantex Plant.

Proposed Action: The proposed in grant by lease or deed of 1,280 acres and requires construction of security barrier fencing. TTUS undertaking for property delineation consists of construction of approximately 26,698 linear feet of standard chain link galvanized steel fencing of minimum height six (6) feet tall with one (1) foot barbed wire outrigger. NEPA does not apply to non-Federal actions (I) with no or minimal Federal funding, or (II) with no or minimal Federal involvement where a Federal agency cannot control the outcome of the project (42 U.S.C. § 4336e(10)(B)(i)).

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.11 – Fencing

B1.24 – Property transfers

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:

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Date Determined: **7 July 2025**