



# U.S. Department of Energy

## Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Project Title: Ground Lease for and Construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative (AMC) Facility

Program or Field Office: Savannah River Site

Location(s) (City/County/State): Aiken/Aiken/South Carolina

Proposed Action or Project Description:

Construction of an approximately 65,000 square foot facility consisting of wet chemistry and various mechanical laboratories and including a high bay area, offices, classroom space, collaborative spaces and break areas. Procurement is planned as a DOE Direct Firm Fixed Price construction on the campus of the University of South Carolina-Aiken (USCA). USCA will provide a ground lease to DOE allowing for construction on property that is zoned appropriately for this type commercial/educational building. No environmental impacts are expected other than normal construction site preparation. Some removal of existing infrastructure such as portable and non-permanent structures/buildings and irrigation/water supply piping is anticipated as part of the civil site preparation. The proposed location is adjacent to similar commercial facilities, roads, parking lots and utilities. It is likely there will be a need for permitting of laboratory exhausts for operation of the facility and collection/storage of hazardous wastes from laboratory operations prior to shipment for treatment/disposal. The project will prepare an Environmental Baseline Survey to evaluate and document existing site conditions at the proposed USCA campus location prior to start of construction.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B3.6 - Small-scale research and development, laboratory operations, and pilot projects

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](#).

- There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.
- This 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 § 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.
- All of the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021 would be met. This proposal would not threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; 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; 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; have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021; 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.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), 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: **Tracy L. Williams** Digitally signed by Tracy L. Williams  
Date: 2020.05.03 16:05:06 -04'00'

Date Determined: 04/28/2020

Comments: DOE-X-2020-0003, Rev. 0