



# U.S. Department of Energy

## Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Project Title: Design and Procurement for 233-H TCAP Column A and Hydride Bed Replacement

Program or Field Office: Savannah River Site

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

Proposed Action or Project Description:

The design and procurement for the TCAP Column A and Hydride replacement will help to achieve required change-outs of equipment while maintaining operational ability and taking advantage of benefits associated with incorporating updated technology; this modification will provide increased productivity capability for future tritium processing. This modification will also design and procure changes to components where feasible to prepare for the replacement of TCAP Column B in order to lessen the work required during the TCAP Column B replacement. In order to mitigate the risk of future failure due to extensive thermal cycling, new Hot/Cold nitrogen penetration plates will be design/procured for both TCAP Column A and the hydride storage beds.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.31 - Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment

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: *Jennifer J Nelson*

Date Determined: 09/01/2020

Comments: OBU-H-2020-0162, Rev. 0

Approved