



# U.S. Department of Energy

## Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy

Project Title: 25A2461 Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles - Thermal Energy Storage with Supercritical Fluids

Location: California

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

Funding will support laboratory and on-site research, design, testing, and fabrication of a novel thermal energy storage tank to be integrated into concentrated solar power applications.

Proposed work consists entirely of RD&D to be completed in laboratory facilities at the University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA); analytical and testing facilities operated by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Pasadena, CA); and analytical facilities operated by SoCalGas (Pico Rivera, CA). The work performed will be limited to in-lab and on-site testing, design, analysis, fabrication, and evaluation.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

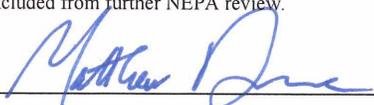
X - B3.6 Siting/construction/operation/decommissioning of facilities for bench-scale research, conventional laboratory operations, small-scale research and development and pilot projects

\*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10.21 [Click Here](#)

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

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:



Date Determined: Aug 25, 2010

Comments:

Webmaster:

