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NEPA Compliance Officer Rationale
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NEPA ID No.: PXP-11-0003
Bldg. 12-125 Modifications and Parking Lot

Application of DOE NEPA Procedure: Categorical Exclusions B1.15 and B1.31, Applicable to Facility Operations (10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B), apply to this proposal. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary for the activity described in NEPA Review Form PXP-11-0003, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Rationale: The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, proposes to convert a classroom in Building 12-125 to an area where equipment would be staged and issued. A new counter top would be constructed in the room, electrical modifications inside and outside of the building would be accomplished, and equipment from another area would be relocated to the converted room in Bldg. 125. In addition, a permanent all weather parking lot of 49,500 square feet would be constructed on the west side of the building. This parking lot would be fenced, gated, and used for parking as well as for storage of equipment and materials currently located in conexas nearby. These conexas would be relocated to the new permanent parking lot west of Building 12-125.

Minor construction in the classroom and relocation of equipment fit within the parameters of Categorical Exclusion B1.31:

“Relocation of machinery and equipment...including minor construction necessary for removal and installation, where uses of the relocated items will be similar to their former uses and consistent with the general mission of the receiving structure.”

Construction of the parking lot and the use of conexas for storage fit within the parameters of Categorical Exclusion B1.15:

“Siting, construction (or modification), and operation of support buildings and structures . . . within or contiguous to an already developed area. . . . Covered support buildings and structures include those for office purposes; parking; . . .storage of supplies and equipment;”

Based upon the information in NEPA Review Form PXP-11-0003, this proposal to convert a classroom in Building 12-125 to an area where equipment would be staged and issued, as well as construct a parking lot west of Building 12-125, does not present any extraordinary circumstances of

a unique or uncertain nature. It is not connected to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts.¹ It would not²:

1. threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/or Executive Orders;
2. 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;
3. 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; or
4. adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)).

Therefore, this proposal meets the conditions that are the integral elements of the classes of actions to which application of Categorical Exclusions B1.15 and B1.31 is appropriate.

If changes are made to the scope of action as described in NEPA Review Form PXP-11-0003, or if the scope is expanded to encompass other actions, NEPA requirements for the action will need to be reassessed at that time.

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¹ See 10 CFR § 1021.410(b)(2)and(3)for full text of regulation.

² See 10 CFR Part 1021 Subpart D Appendix B (B(1)through(4)).