U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Proposed Action Title: Administrative Support Complex

Program or Field Office: NNSA Production Office

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

Proposed Action Description:

To varying degrees, the facilities that house Pantex administrative capabilities are aging, functionally inadequate, technologically obsolete, and are an increasing drain on the Site operating budget. A proposed Administrative Support Complex (ASC) would provide Pantex Plant with a new office building with a multi-purpose and multi-disciplinary environment. The facility is planned to be approximately 300,000 sq. ft. and provide occupancy for 1,100 people. A cafeteria, conference rooms, support areas, and an Occupational Health Center would be part of the complex. The ASC would have a backup Emergency Operations Center area. The ASC would have secure and non-secure areas, and classified and unclassified computing capabilities. The ASC would be designed for ease of system and unit operations, checkout, maintenance, inspection, and allow ready access to operations and support equipment.

Due to the Department of Energy's (DOE) requirement for new square footage to be offset by demolished square footage, many existing outdated facilities would have to be demolished. The demolition of these facilities would not be addressed in this NEPA document. Additional NEPA analyses would be completed prior to demolitions proceeding.

The building (or buildings) for this project should be designed to comply with the Guiding Principles for Federal Leadership in High Performance and Sustainable Buildings (HPSB) in accordance with Section 2(g)of Executive Order (EO) 13514 – "Federal Leadership in Environmental

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.15 - Support buildings

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.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

☑ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE 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 or facilities; (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; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) 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, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

☑ There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

☑ The 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 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of 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: Jack Zanger

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