

# **Categorical Exclusion Determination**

Western Area Power Administration  
Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:**

**Project No.:**

**Project Manager:**

**Location:**

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):**

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

**Findings:**

Signed:

Date:

Attachment: Environmental Checklist

# Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

## Proposed Action:

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### Project Site Description

### Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource  
Impacts

No Potential for  
Significance

No Potential for Significance,  
with Conditions

#### 1. Historic and Cultural Resources

##### Explanation:

**2. Geology and Soils**

**Explanation:**

**3. Plants** (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)

**Explanation:**

**4. Wildlife** (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)

**Explanation:**

**5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish**  
(including Federal/state special-status species, ESUs, and habitats)

**Explanation:**

6. **Wetlands**  
**Explanation:**

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**  
**Explanation:**

8. **Land Use and Specially-Designated Areas**  
**Explanation:**

9. **Visual Quality**  
**Explanation:**

10. **Air Quality**  
**Explanation:**

11. **Noise**

**Explanation:**

12. **Human Health and Safety**

**Explanation:**

**Evaluation of Other Integral Elements**

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion.

The project 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.

Explanation, if necessary:

Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

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.

Explanation, if necessary:

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.

Explanation, if necessary:

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 of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation, if necessary:

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**Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination**

**Description:**

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Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts to any environmentally sensitive resource.

Signed:

Date: