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NEPA Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management

(LM) Project Title: Conduct Delta Building Move, Harrison, Ohio

Location: Delta Building, Harrison, OH

Proposed Action or Project Description:

DOE LM is proposing to move approximately 17 full-time equivalent (FTE) Legacy Management Support (LMS) employees from the Delta Building at Harrison, Ohio to the Environmental Quality Management (EQM) building located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The two facilities are located 17 miles apart. The EQM office facility is corporate space and not an LM facility.

Per the LM Office Space Siting Plan Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, LM is implementing a phased footprint reduction approach over the next 3 years, with the goal of reducing its overall square footage by 60% by FY 2024. As part of LM's goals to reduce leased space, the lease at the Delta Building was terminated by DOE in June 2021. RSI EnTech, LLC currently has the lease for the Delta Building, which will terminate on August 1, 2022.

All facility requirements are the responsibility of EQM. LMS personnel would adhere to EQM building policies when using the work space. The move from the Delta Building to EQM, to include staff, files, furniture, etc. is scheduled for November 2021 and would be conducted by a vendor. The DOENET in the Delta Building would be replaced with a commercial DOENet and would require the remaining Delta Building occupants to connect to the LM network via VPN on mobile hot spots. Desk phones would also be disconnected when the replacement DOENet is brought online. The Fernald Preserve network server and miscellaneous IT hardware would be moved from the Delta Building to the Legacy Management Business Center in Morgantown, West Virginia. Other miscellaneous IT hardware would be shipped to other sites for reuse. Unused equipment, furniture, etc. would be excessed through LM Asset Management.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

- B1.7 Electronic Equipment
- B1.15 Support Buildings
- B1.24 PropertyTransfers
- B1.30 Transfer Actions

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1021 (10 CFR 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 by the LM Director per DOE Policy 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified classes of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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