U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Proposed Action Title: Final Rulemaking for Amended Energy Conservation Standards for Single Pacakge Vertical Units (RIN: 1904-AC85)

Program or Field Office: EERE- Buildings Technology Program

Location(s) (City/County/State): Nationwide

Proposed Action Description:

In this Final Rulemaking, DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for single package vertical units. The proposed standards are shown in Table I.1 of the Final Rule. These proposed standards, if adopted, would apply to all products listed in Table I.1. The standards that are set at levels more stringent then in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2013 apply to such equipment manufactured in, or imported into, the United States on or after the date four years after the publication of the final rule for this rulemaking. The standards that are set at levels contained in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2013 apply to such equipment manufactured in, or imported into, the United States on or after the date two years (for single package vertical air conditioners less than 65,000 Btu/h) and three years (for single package vertical heat pumps less than 65,000 Btu/h) after the effective date of the requirements in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2013.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B5.1 - Actions to conserve energy or water

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: LISA JORGENSEN Digitally signed by LISA JORGENSEN DN: c=US, o=U.S. Government, ou=Department of Energy, cn=LISA JORGENSEN, 0.9.2342.19200300.100.1.1=89001000512443 Date: 2015.08.20 09:49:48 -06'00' Date Determined: 08/20/2015