



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Lease of 489 W. 10th Street, Bloomington, Indiana (LB-CX-23-05)

Program or Field Office: Berkeley Site Office, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

Location(s): 489 W. 10th Street, Bloomington, Indiana

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## Proposed Action Description:

The US Department of Energy, on behalf of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL or Berkeley Lab), proposes to lease ~4,100 square feet of office space at 489 W. 10th Street, Bloomington, Indiana. The space would be used for standard office purposes by Berkeley Lab's ESNET group and would support up to 10 or 15 occupants. The initial lease term would be for five years, with three additional five-year options for a total potential total term of twenty years. The office space is within a light-commercial area near Bloomington's downtown area.

## Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

A.1 – Routine DOE business actions  
A.9 – Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination  
B1.24 – Property transfers

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.

I concur that the above description accurately describes the proposed action.

**LBNL Sr. Site &  
Environmental Planner:**

  
Jeff Philliber

July 24, 2023

Date Determined

**BSO  
NEPA Program Mgr.:**

**Jose Roldan**

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The above description accurately describes the proposed action, which reflects the requirements of the CX cited above. Therefore, I recommend that the proposed action be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

**BSO  
Director of Operations:**

**MARY  
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Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1 B), 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:**

**PETER SIEBACH**

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