



Office of Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Place Southern Sector Recirculation Wells Out-Of-Commission

Program or Field Office: Savannah River Site

Location(s) (City/County/State): Aiken/Aiken County/South Carolina

Proposed Action Description:

REVISION 0: Southern Sector airlift recirculation wells SSR-002 thru SSR-012 are to be placed out-of-commission and abandoned in place. All wells, except SSR-001, will have electrical cable and piping removed. SSR-001 will not be placed OOC as it is being used for the Southern Sector Humate Project.

Revision 1 of this Environmental Evaluation Checklist adds the abandonment of Southern Sector airlift recirculation wells SSR-002 to SSR-012.

Revision 2 of this Environmental Evaluation Checklist will completely dismantle and remove all of the remaining equipment at the local well sites SSR-002 to SSR-012. This includes all the electrical components, compressor, receiving tanks, piping, pipe components, valves, instrumentation, electric racks, and the pipe racks. Well site SSR-001 is to be completely mechanically dismantled and removed, but electrically only partially dismantled and removed. The electric power must remain at SSR-001 for the Humate project, so the electric rack will remain as well as several electrical components.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B3.1 SITE CHARACTERIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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, 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:

Date Determined: 05/09/2024

