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## U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management



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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: Develop Hopi Interpretive Exhibit at the Tuuvi Travel Center, Tuba City, Arizona

Location: Tuba City, Arizona, Disposal Site

## **Proposed Action or Project Description:**

LM is proposing to develop an interpretive exhibit, in collaboration with the Hopi Tribe, inside the Tuuvi Travel Center, a gas station and convenience store, owned and operated by the Hopi Tribe's Moenkopi Development Corporation (MDC), located on the Hopi Reservation, near the Navajo Nation, in Tuba City, Arizona. The exhibit could consist of powered or unpowered multielement, multimedia displays that may include digital, nondigital, interactive, and static experiences. The exhibit would provide education and outreach about the history of LM's Tuba City disposal site for Hopi and Navajo Tribe members and the general public. LM would acquire an agreement with MDC to install and maintain the exhibit, while MDC would retain ownership of the Tuuvi Travel Center, including the interpretive exhibit space.

## Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

- A9 Information Gathering, Analysis, and Dissemination
- B1.24 Property Transfers
- B3.14 Small-Scale Educational Facilities

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)

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 1501.9(e)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.1(g)(3)), 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.

**NEPA Compliance Officer Signature and Determination Date** 

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