



Categorical Exclusion Determination

Western Area Power Administration

U.S. Department of Energy



Proposed Action Title:	Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund Collection Procedures
WAPA Region:	Sierra Nevada Region
Location (County/State):	Numerous counties, northern California
CX Determination Number:	2025-SNR-16
CX Determination Expiration Date*:	December 12, 2030

**CX is valid until the date above (no longer than five years from when document was signed) or completion of work, unless there are substantial changes to the scope of work, location, or applicable regulations. If such changes occur prior to the expiration of the CX, the Region Environmental Program will review the analysis to ensure the CX is still applicable.*

Proposed Action Description:

Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region (WAPA -SN) proposed unchanged procedures for assessing and collecting Restoration Fund payments from the Central Valley Project (CVP) Power Contractors. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for assigning the Power Restoration Payment Obligation (PRPO) for CVP Power Contractors.

WAPA-SN collection procedures supersede the April 16, 2003, published procedures. The collection procedures provide the method by which WAPA-SN allocates the PRPO, bills CVP Power Contractors, assesses late charges, transfers all payments received to Reclamation for deposit into the Restoration Fund, year-end reconciliation, and five-year procedures review process. The procedures remain unchanged but will have administrative edits to remove references to a specific WAPA Sierra Nevada (SN) Region Power Marketing Plan.

In August 2025, WAPA published a Federal Register notice for these proposed collection procedures (unchanged and with administrative edits) and initiated a 30-day public consultation and comment period. No oral or written comments were received during the 30-day consultation and comment period.

Environmental Requirements during Project Implementation:

- None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied (Number and Title):

B4.3 Electric power marketing rate changes

Findings:

For the DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B to [10 CFR Part 1021](#), and also Section 5.4 (Applying one or more categorical exclusions to a proposal) and Appendices B and C of [DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures](#) (Jun. 30, 2025).



Requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures: (See full text in regulation and in Implementing Procedures)

- The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B or C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).

To fit within the classes of actions listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021, or Appendix B of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, a proposal must satisfy the conditions that are integral elements of the classes of actions in Appendix B of both 10 CFR Part 1021 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures. Additionally, for CXs adopted pursuant to NEPA Section 109 (see DNIP, Appendix C), the originating Federal agency's integral elements or extraordinary circumstances must be in accordance with the applicable requirements.

- There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. DOE or an applicant may modify the proposal to avoid reasonably foreseeable adverse significant effects such that the categorical exclusion would apply.
- The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

[Note: For proposals that fit within the categorical exclusions listed in Appendix C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, see DOE's notice of adoption for the subject Appendix C categorical exclusion for additional considerations. DOE notices of adoption for other agency categorical exclusions may be found on [DOE's Section 109 webpage](#).]

Determination:

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 requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

WAPA Authorized Official Signature:

Title: Sierra Nevada Regional Manager