



Categorical Exclusion Determination

Western Area Power Administration

U.S. Department of Energy



Proposed Action Title:	North Dakota Facilities Chip Crack Seal Resurfacing
WAPA Region:	UGP
Location (County/State):	Burleigh, Cass, and Nelson Counties, North Dakota
CX Determination Number:	2026-UGP-002
CX Determination Expiration Date*:	1/28/2031

**CX is valid until the date above (no longer than five years from when document was signed) or completion of work started prior to the expiration of the CX Determination, 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 (WAPA) proposes to repair the existing parking lot and road surfaces at the Bismarck Office, Bismarck Warehouse, Devils Lake Maintenance Facility, and the Fargo O&M/Line Crew office in North Dakota. The repair project is planned to be completed in Summer 2026. This project is considered routine maintenance of existing facilities, and no environmental impacts are expected from the project.

WAPA will hire a professional contractor to repair the asphalt by sealing cracks, joints, and damaged road surfaces at the Bismarck Office, Bismarck Warehouse, Fargo Office, and the Devils Lake Office. Road work is to be performed within WAPA’s Facility Boundaries. Typical equipment for asphalt repair includes items to clean the disrepair from dust, debris, loose material, and moisture, air compressor, petroleum-based pavement crack and joint sealant, inter compressible material, and appropriate tools to remove any damage from the repair area as needed to reseal the surface. Heavy equipment such as a heavy-duty pickup, a dump trailer, and small road paver may also be on scene.

Environmental Requirements during Project Implementation:

- None

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

B1.3 Routine maintenance

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: Senior VP and Upper Great Plains Regional Manager