



U.S. Department of Energy

Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title:

Program or Field Office:

Location(s) (City/County/State):

Proposed Action Description:

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

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](#) (June 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 and 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.

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](#).]

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, 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.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined:

Attachment A: Projects in the CATALCHEM-E (NOFO Nos. DE-FOA-0003505 and DE-FOA-0003506) Program

Prime Recipient (Control No.)	Project Title	Categorical Exclusion
Ames National Laboratory (3505-1551)	Autonomous High Throughput Experimentation to Accelerate Chemical Manufacturing (A-TEAM)	B3.6, B3.15
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (3505-1548)	PANDORA: Platform Acceleration for Novel-catalyst Discovery and Optimization with Reactor-arrays and AI/ML	B3.6
North Carolina State University (3005-1507)	Human-AI-Robot Teaming to Accelerate Heterogeneous Redox Catalyst Discovery with a Self-Driving Lab	B3.6, B3.15
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (3505-1503)	Trinity AI Platform Integrating Digital, High Throughput, and Scale-Up for Inverse Catalyst Development	B3.6, B3.15
University of Connecticut (3505-1513)	REACT: Revolutionary Enhancements in AI-Guided Catalyst Transformations	B3.6, B3.15
University of Rochester (3505-1524)	Catalyst Acceleration and Testing via AI and Language to Yield Scalable Transformations (CATALYST)	B3.6, B3.15
University of Wisconsin – Madison (3505-1533)	AI-Driven Design of Industrial Fixed Bed Reactor Catalysts for Production of Renewable Fuels and Chemicals from Oxygenated Feedstocks (AI-FIXCAT)	B3.6
P2 Science, Inc. (3506-1504)	HEAT FACTORY: Highly Energetic Advanced Turpentine Fuels Accessed with Catalytic Transformations Optimized Robotically	B3.6, B3.15