U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Proposed Action Title: Execution and Operation of off-Site Facility Leases and Lease Renewals (LB-CX-27-01)

Program or Field Office: Berkeley Site Office, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)

Location(s): Continental United States

Proposed Action Description:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to execute leases, renew existing leases, and/or operate within leased spaces that are outside of the main LBNL site in Berkeley, California. The purpose of such off-site leased facilities is to provide temporary support space for LBNL scientific and operational activities. Such activities may include benchtop scale laboratory research, research pilot projects, assembly and fit-up, small-scale crafts and engineering work, storage, parking, and office work. Leases may cover indoor and/or outdoor spaces associated with leased facilities. Leases may be for short or long terms, as needed, but they would not be considered permanent. Minor facility modifications and maintenance may be conducted to accommodate LBNL use, but the facilities would not be expanded in size, capacity, or beyond planned building lifecycles.

All leased space covered under this determination would be used consistently with the design and clear intent of the leased facility, including applicable occupancy, capacity, building, and fire codes; local zoning and land use designations; and any applicable air, water, and waste permitting. LBNL facility use would not (1) threaten violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements related to the environment, safety, health, or similar requirements of DOE or federal Executive Orders, (2) disturb existing hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants such that there might be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases, (3) cause significant impacts to environmentally sensitive resources, including historical and cultural resources, or (4) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, such that the action is not contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.15 – Support Structures
B1.24 – Property transfers
B1.31 – Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment

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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).

☒ 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).

☒ 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.]

I have reviewed the proposed action and determined that it 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.

Signature of NEPA Compliance Officer: THOMAS MCDERMOTT Date: 2026.11.16 12:18:39 -08'00'