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Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

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Proposed Action Title: Closure Turf Installation

Program or Field Office: NNSA Production Office

Location(s) (City/County/State): Amarillo, Potter, Texas

Proposed Action Description:

This project would install a synthetic Closure Turf TM system at Landfill 1 (Solid Waste Management Unit 68b) to prevent wind and water erosion of the existing landfill cap. The existing landfill cap consists of 2-4 feet of clean borrow material with vegetation that creates a barrier between the landfill debris and the general public or industrial workers.

• Remove ("grub") the existing vegetation from Landfill 1.
• The existing landfill cap consists of 2.5-feet of fill material from the Plant's borrow pit and was determined to be clean fill; therefore, any vegetation and soil that is removed would be disposed of onsite under the direction of the Pantex Waste Operations Department.
• Low spots in the existing landfill cap would be leveled with material from the borrow pit and compacted with the heavy equipment. Compaction testing would not be required.
• Install approximately 150,000 square feet of Closure Turf TM.

Closure Turf TM is an impermeable closure system utilizing synthetic grass for long term protection against erosion. The synthetic turf system consists of three components: (1) two layers of woven geotextiles with tufted UV-resistant polyethylene grass that is laid over (2) a 50-mil Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) structured drainage geomembrane and infilled with (3) sand.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B6.1 - Cleanup actions

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

☑ The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D.

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 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), 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 under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) 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: James Barrows

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