## RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

Title:

Price Competitive Sale of Strategic Petroleum Reserve Petroleum, Standard Sales

Provisions, Revised Appendix A to Final Sales Rule

**Description:** 

Publication in the **Federal Register** of Standard Sales Provisions containing or describing contract clauses, terms and conditions of sale, and performance and financial and responsibility measures which may be used for particular sales of Strategic Petroleum Reserve Petroleum

Regulatory Requirements: <u>NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021)</u>

10 CFR 1021.410 (Application of Categorical Exclusions)

- (a) The actions listed in appendices A and B to this subpart D are classes of actions that DOE has determined do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment (categorical exclusions).
- (b) To find that a proposal is categorically excluded, DOE shall determine the following:
  - (1) The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in appendix A or B to this subpart D;
- (2) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. Extraordinary circumstances are unique situations presented by specific proposals, such as scientific controversy about the environmental effects of the proposal; uncertain effects or effects involving unique or unknown risks; or unresolved conflicts concerning alternate uses of available resources within the meaning of section 102(2)(E) of NEPA; and
- (3) The proposal is not "connected" (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(2)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or §1021.211

Appendix A to Subpart D of Part 1021—Categorical Exclusions Applicable to General Agency Actions

Categorical Exclusion to be Applied: A6

<u>A6</u> Rulemakings that are strictly procedural, such as rulemaking (under 48 CFR part 9) establishing procedures for technical and pricing proposals and establishing contract clauses and contracting practices for the purchase of goods and services, and rulemaking (under 10 CFR part 600) establishing application and review procedures for, and administration, audit, and closeout of, grants and cooperative agreements.

Approved by FE NEPA Compliance Officer

**Determination Date** 

6/11/10