

# DOE-ID NEPA CX DETERMINATION

**SECTION A. Project Title: Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME) and In-site Process Monitoring for Rapid Qualification of Components Made by Laser-Based Powder Bed Additive Manufacturing (AM) Processes for Nuclear Structural and Pressure Boundary Applications – Electric Power Research Institute**

**SECTION B. Project Description**

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proposes to develop an innovative qualification strategy for complex nuclear components produced by laser powder bed additive manufacturing which will be developed and demonstrated by leveraging relevant technology from recent welding developments, as well as, emerging process analytics, high-performance computation models, in-situ monitoring and big-data mining. Components will be made in typical laser powder bed machines.

**SECTION C. Environmental Aspects / Potential Sources of Impact**

EPRI has procedures in place to handle any waste that will be generated through this project. The action would not create additional environmental impacts above those already permitted.

**SECTION D. Determine the Level of Environmental Review (or Documentation) and Reference(s):** Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B; give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

Note: For Categorical Exclusions (CXs) the proposed action must not: 1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE orders; 2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities; 3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; 4) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist which would affect the significance of the action, and the action is not “connected” nor “related” (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and (2), respectively) to other actions with potentially or cumulatively significant impacts.

References: B3.6 Siting, construction, modification, operation, and decommissioning of facilities for small-scale research and development projects; conventional laboratory operations (such as preparation of chemical standards and sample analysis); and small-scale pilot projects (generally less than 2 years) frequently conducted to verify a concept before demonstration actions, provided that construction or modification would be within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Not included in this category are demonstration actions, meaning actions that are undertaken at a scale to show whether a technology would be viable on a larger scale and suitable for commercial development.

Justification: The activity consists of small-scale research on process design, processing by additive manufacturing, in-situ monitoring, and modeling nuclear power plant components.

Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)  Yes  No

Approved by Jack Depperschmidt, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on 06/28/2016