

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF CRITICAL MINERALS AND ENERGY INNOVATION
NEPA DETERMINATION**

RECIPIENT: Cabot Corporation

STATE: TX

PROJECT TITLE : Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Conductive Additives Plant for U.S. Domestic Battery Supply Chain

Notice of Funding Opportunity Number
DE-FOA-0003099

Procurement Instrument Number
DE-MS0000121

NEPA Control Number

CID Number
NT121

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

Rationale for determination:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has adopted a categorical exclusion established by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) that covers categories of actions pertinent to DOE operations, specifically L14. This categorical exclusion applies to new construction upon, or improvement of, land where all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The structure and proposed use are substantially in compliance with prevailing local planning and zoning standards.
- (b) The site is on heavily developed property and/or located on a previously disturbed site in a developed area.
- (c) The proposed use will not substantially increase the number of motor vehicles at the facility.
- (d) The site and scale of construction are consistent with those of existing, adjacent, or nearby buildings.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the 'Rationale for Determination' above) 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.

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 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 Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021; (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 Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts and is not precluded by applicable regulations or procedures concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

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NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

 Electronically
Signed By: [Adrian Larry](#)

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: [9/22/2026](#)

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

- ☒ Field Office Manager review not required
☐ Field Office Manager review required

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____