

NEPA EXEMPT Addendum II (a) (three pages)

Interim Determination of Categorical Exclusion for Northern Border Regional Commission

Project Names(s):	
Other potential Federal funding for this project (NBRC will coordinate with other federal organizations whenever necessary to assure compliance with NEPA regulations):	
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Check off any and all that apply	The project falls into the category below.
	<p>1. Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are already in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity for more than 20 percent. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replacement of water or sewer lines ▪ Reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks ▪ Repaving of streets
	<p>2. Special projects directed toward the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to the elderly and handicapped persons.</p>
	<p>3. Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units and the land use is not changed. ii. In the case of multifamily residential buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Unit density is not changed more than 20% B. The project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and C. The estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75% of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation. iii. In the case of non-residential structures, including commercial, industrial, and public buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent; and B. The activity does not involve a change in land use, such as from non-residential to residential, commercial to industrial, or from one industrial use to another.
	<p>4. Studies and Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Engineering studies and investigations that do not permanently change the environment. ii. Research and analysis. iii. Administrative related activities.

	5. Acquisition (including leasing) or disposition of an existing structure or acquisition (including leasing) of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired or disposed of will be retained for the same use;
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The entirety of the project is made up of one or more of the above categories: Y____ or N____

The determination of the category listed above is supported by the following information (explain how you determined that the project satisfied the condition of the category you checked above and document as appropriate)

Compliance Checklist for the “Other Requirements” in 24 CFR 58.6 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

1. Description of project:

2. Project Resources

For the below listed land uses or environmental resources, the undersigned has checked Column A to indicate those that are present within the site(s) of the proposed action. Column B has been checked for those that are within the action's area of environmental impact, such as the areas adjacent to the proposed site(s). Column C has been checked for those land uses and environmental resources that will be affected by the proposed action, as defined in Section 1940.317. (Check appropriate box or circle, as provided. If a check appears in any circle in column A, B, or C, the environmental assessment for a Class I action must be completed).	Located on proposed site	Located within Actions' Area of Environmental Impact	Affected by Proposed Action
a. Wetlands	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Floodplains with existing structure(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
c. Floodplains without existing structure(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
d. Wilderness (designated or proposed under the Wilderness Act)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Wild or Scenic River (proposed or designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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f. Historical, Archeological Sites (listed on the National Register of Historic Places or which may be eligible for listing)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
g. Critical Habitat or Endangered/Threatened Species (listed or proposed)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
h. Coastal Barrier included in Coastal Barrier Resources System	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
i. Natural Landmark (listed on National Registry of Natural Landmarks)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
j. Important Farmlands	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
k. Prime Forest Lands	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
l. Prime Rangeland	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
m. Approved Coastal Zone Management Area	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
n. Sole Source Aquifer Recharge Area (designated by Environmental Protection Agency)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
o. State Water Quality Standard			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

FINDING

This proposal meets, Section 1940.317. As indicated in item 2 above, the proposal does not affect any important land uses or environmental resources that would subject it to disqualification as a categorical exclusion. Additionally, the proposal is neither a phase nor segment of a project which when viewed in its entirety would not meet the requirements of a categorical exclusion per Section 1940.317 (d).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title _____

* In terms of its size and components, the criteria for a categorical exclusion as defined in Sections 1940.310.

FINDING

The proposed project does not fall within the EXEMPT (Addendum II. a) or Categorical Exclusion as outlined above. Further environmental review may be required if funded through NBRC. The applicant acknowledges that additional information will be required in order to meet NEPA requirements and has the capacity to follow through with additional environmental review.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Title _____