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Categorical Exclusion Form with Instructions

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| **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT****ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS** |
| **1. APPLICANT NAME:** |
| **2. NAME OF PROPOSAL (provide brief description):** |
| **3. ADDRESS OR GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** |
| **4. FEDERAL ACTION:** | **Loan** [ ]  | **Grant** [ ]  | **Guarantee** [ ]  | **Construction Work Plan or Loan/System Design** | [ ]  |
| **5. APPLICABLE RD PROGRAM:** |
| **6. THIS PROPOSAL QUALIFIES AS A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1970.53 \_\_\_\_\_\_ OR § 1970.54 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **7. \* ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT PREPARED FOR RD: YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ] **\***This form can be used to document the consideration and incorporation by reference of environmental information from any source |
| **8. S. 106 Findings: No Potential to Affect [ ]** **No Historic Properties Affected [ ]  No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties [ ]**  |
| **9. Endangered Species Act, Section 7 Findings: Species/Habitat - Not Present [ ]  Species/Habitat Present - No Effect [ ]** **Species/Habitat Present - May Affect, Not Likely To Adversely Affect [ ]**  |
| **10. IF PREPARED, ATTACH ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT (SEE EXHIBIT** C**)**For the items listed below, indicate either a “Yes” or “No” in the appropriate columns. If the answer is ”Yes” in the “Adversely Affected” column for any listed resources, then an extraordinary circumstance exists and the proposed action is not eligible for a Categorical Exclusion. |

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| **Resources** | **Resources Present** | **Effects to Resources** |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **No Effect** | **Affected** | **Adversely Affected** |
| a. Historic Properties/Cultural Resources (Historic Properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, sites of cultural or religious significance to tribes)  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| b. Threatened or Endangered Species, Critical Habitat, State Listed Species | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| c. Wetlands | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| d. Floodplains (100 or 500 year floodplains) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| e. Formally Classified Lands (State/Federal Parks, Monuments, Natural Landmarks, Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Forest System Lands, other Federal or State Lands, etc.)  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| f. Water Resources (Sole Source Aquifers, Well-head protection areas, Watershed Protection Areas, etc.) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| g. Coastal Resources (Coastal Barrier Resources System or Coastal Zone Management Areas) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| h. Coral Reefs or Protected aquatic habitats (Only applies to American Samoa, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Marianna Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Questions | Yes | No |
| i. Is the proposal located on Important Farmland (Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Farmland of Local Importance) and if so, has Form AD-1006 been completed? | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| j. Does the project threaten a violation of local, state, or federal statutory, regulatory, or permitting requirements and have all necessary permits been identified? | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| k. Is the proposal located within EPA-designated Non-Attainment or Maintenance Areas for Air Quality Criteria Pollutants? | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| l. Does the proposal result in the production of unpermitted hazardous materials or waste, or consist of construction of a new RCRA hazardous materials handling facility? | [ ]  | [ ]  |

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| m. Does the proposal have any Environmental Justice concerns or disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations or low-income populations? | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| n. Is the proposal controversial for environmental reasons? If so, attach a summary of the controversy(ies) and any actions taken and resolutions necessary to respond to the concerns. | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |
| o. Is the proposal controversial for other than environmental reasons? If so, attach a summary of the controversy(ies) and any actions taken and resolutions necessary to respond to the concerns. | [ ]  | [ ]  |  |

**11. FINDING:**

I find that the proposal meets the criteria established in 7 CFR §§1970.53, “Categorical Exclusions Involving No or Minimal Disturbance,” or 1970.54 (c), “Categorical Exclusions Involving Small-scale Development.” Upon review of the proposal’s description or the Environmental Report I find that the proposal is consistent with 40 CFR §1508.4, “Categorical Exclusion" and does not have any extraordinary circumstances or that the proposal individually or cumulatively does not have a significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

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| **12. SIGNATURES:** |
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| **12a. SIGNATURE OF PREPARER** |  |  **DATE** |
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| **NAME OF PREPARER** |  |  **TITLE** |
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| **12b. SIGNATURE OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR OR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF** |  | **DATE** |
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| **NAME OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR OR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF** |  | **TITLE** |
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| **12c. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL** |  | **DATE** |
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