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• **Mail:** Send to—Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

• **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Address to—CFTC Comment Submission, Attn: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. To avoid possible delays with mail or in-person deliveries, submissions through Regulations.gov are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Do not include in your comment text or attachments any personal identifying information or business information that you do not want published online. Comments (regardless of submission method) will be published without review for, and without removal of, any personal identifying information or information your business may consider confidential.

If you wish to submit confidential information for the Commission’s consideration, please contact the CFTC personnel listed in this Notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before making any submission. Please also carefully review the Commission’s procedures in 17 CFR 145.9 for requesting confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of information submitted to the Commission.

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, or redact all or any part of your comment submission. The CFTC also reserves the right, without further notification, to refuse to publish or to remove from public view all or any part of your submission to the extent it contains content inappropriate for publication in a comment file, such as—without limitation—obscene language, threats of violence, solicitations for commercial sales or illegal activity, or obvious spam. If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this notice, such submission will be retained in the record for the

matter and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan Wallace, Division of Clearing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; 202–418–5150, email: mwallace@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Exemption from Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration (OMB Control No. 3038–0117). This is a request for an extension of an existing collection.

Abstract: This information collection is associated with CFTC regulations codifying the policies and procedures that the Commission follows with respect to granting exemptions from registration as a derivatives clearing organization (DCO) for the clearing of proprietary swaps for U.S. persons and futures commission merchants (FCMs). The rules include reporting requirements that are collections of information requiring approval under the PRA. Specifically, Commission regulation 39.6 specifies the conditions and procedures under which a clearing organization may apply for exemption from registration as a DCO, the information that must be provided to the Commission to obtain and maintain such exemption, and procedures for termination of an exemption. *See* 17 CFR 39.6. The information that is collected under these regulations is necessary for the Commission to determine whether a clearing organization qualifies for exemption from DCO registration, to evaluate the continued eligibility of the exempt DCO for exemption from registration, to review compliance by the exempt DCO with any conditions of such exemption, or to conduct its oversight of U.S. persons and the swaps that are cleared by U.S. persons through the exempt DCO.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. On June 9, 2026, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 91 FR 34812. The Commission received no relevant comments that addressed its PRA burden estimates.

Burden Statement: The provisions of Part 39 of the CFTC’s Regulations include reporting requirements that constitute information collections within the meaning of the PRA. With respect to the ongoing reporting obligations associated with exemption from DCO registration, the CFTC believes that exempt DCOs incur an aggregate annual time-burden of 335 hours.

Respondents/affected entities:

Derivatives Clearing Organizations.

Estimated number of respondents: 10.

Estimated average burden hours per respondent: 34 hours.¹

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 335 hours.

Frequency of collection: Daily, quarterly, yearly, on occasion.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 27, 2026.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusion Under Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusion pursuant to Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4336c.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army (DA) is adopting a categorical exclusion (CATEX) established by the Department of Energy (DOE) (42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4336c). This notice identifies the types of actions to which DA will apply the CATEX, the considerations that DA will use in determining the applicability of the CATEX, and the consultation between DOE on the use of the CATEX, including screening for extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of the CATEX.

DATES: The adoption is effective September 1, 2026 and is available for DA use effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Guldenzopf, Director for Environmental Compliance, Office of

¹ Average burden hours per respondent rounded to the nearest full hour.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Congress enacted the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 (NEPA) to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and the environment, recognizing the profound impact of human activity and the critical importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare of humankind. (42 U.S.C. 4321, 4331). NEPA seeks to ensure that agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed major actions in their decision-making processes and inform and involve the public in that process. To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review of any major Federal action—an environmental impact statement (EIS), environmental assessment (EA), or categorical exclusion (CATEX) (42 U.S.C. 4336). If a proposed action is likely to have significant environmental effects, the agency must prepare an EIS and document its decision in a record of decision (42 U.S.C. 4336). If the proposed action is not likely to have significant environmental effects or the effects are unknown, the agency may instead prepare an EA, which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS (42 U.S.C. 4336). Following the EA, the agency may conclude that the action will have no significant effects and document that conclusion in a finding of no significant impact. If the analysis concludes that the action is likely to have significant effects, then an EIS is required.

Under NEPA, a Federal agency may establish categorical exclusions—categories of actions that the agency has determined normally do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment—in its agency NEPA procedures. 42 U.S.C. 4336e(1). If an agency determines that a categorical exclusion covers a proposed action, the agency will then evaluate the proposed action for any extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant adverse effect. DA considers extraordinary circumstances pursuant to Department of War DoW NEPA Implementing Procedures dated 30 April 2026 Part 1.4(d) Applying Categorical Exclusions and will concurrently use the agency extraordinary circumstances for the adopted CATEXs as identified below. If

an extraordinary circumstance exists, the agency nevertheless may apply the categorical exclusion if the agency conducts an analysis and determines that the proposed action does not in fact have the potential to result in significant effects notwithstanding the extraordinary circumstance or the agency modifies the proposed action to avoid or otherwise mitigate significant effects. If no extraordinary circumstances are present or if further analysis determines that the extraordinary circumstances do not involve the potential for significant environmental impacts, the agency may rely on the categorical exclusion to approve the proposed action without preparing an EA or EIS. 42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(2). If the extraordinary circumstances have the potential to result in significant effects, the agency is required to prepare an EA or EIS.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to adopt another Federal agency's CATEX (42 U.S.C. 4336c). To use another agency's CATEX under section 109, the adopting agency must identify the relevant CATEX listed in another agency's ("establishing agency") NEPA procedures that covers the adopting agency's category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the proposed adoption of the CATEX is appropriate for a category of actions; identify to the public the CATEX that the adopting agency plans to use for its proposed actions; and document adoption of the CATEX (42 U.S.C. 4336c).

This notice documents the DA's adoption of one DOE CATEX for DA use and provides public notice of the adoption. The DA NEPA procedures are contained within DoW NEPA Implementing Procedures dated 30 April 2026. The DoW NEPA Implementing Procedures include a list of categorical exclusions available to all DoW Components. After adoption of any CATEX, including this CATEX, it would be available to all DoW Components.

II. DOE Categorical Exclusion

DA is adopting the following DOE CATEX:

DOE CATEX B5.26: *Advanced Nuclear Reactors*.

Authorization, siting, construction, operation, reauthorization, and decommissioning of advanced nuclear reactors, provided DOE determines that:

(1) the project's attributes, including potential fission product inventory, fuel type, reactor design, and operational

plans, reduce sufficiently the risk of adverse offsite consequences from the release of radioactive or hazardous materials, and

(2) the project demonstrates that any hazardous waste, radioactive waste, or spent nuclear fuel generated by the project can be managed in accordance with applicable requirements.

For the purposes of this category, a project may include multiple reactors within a nuclear facility. This CATEX is listed in DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, Appendix B, available at <https://energy.gov/nepa>.

III. DA's Use of Adopted CATEX

DA expects to use the listed CATEX for authorization of the construction and operation of advanced reactors on Army installations that would enhance mission capabilities and effectiveness, improve safety, and increase operational efficiencies. DA has identified multiple Army installations as potential locations for deployments of microreactor nuclear power plants (MNPs) for installation energy. This CATEX would allow DA to execute construction and operation of MNPs on Army installations. DA's use of this DOE CATEX would not be limited to this example and could be used in other circumstances for which its use is appropriate.

IV. Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances and Applicable Criteria

The DoW's NEPA Implementing Procedures guides its consideration of extraordinary circumstances. Further, DA will apply the originating agency's extraordinary circumstances as described in DOE's extraordinary circumstances listed at DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, Section 5.4(c)(3). If an extraordinary circumstance is present, the DA will determine whether it is possible to modify the action to avoid significant adverse effects. If the action cannot be modified, DA will consider whether the application of the CATEX is still appropriate notwithstanding the presence of extraordinary circumstances, because even with the extraordinary circumstance, the proposed action does not have the potential to result in significant impacts. If DA determines that it cannot apply a CATEX to the proposed action, a particular proposed action due to extraordinary circumstances, DA will prepare an EA or EIS, consistent with DoW NEPA Implementing Procedures dated 30 April 2026 Part 1.4 Categorical exclusions.

Additionally, when applying this CATEX, DA will evaluate the proposed action to ensure consideration of

“Integral Elements” described in Appendix B of DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures. DA will document each application of the above-listed CATEX and its consideration of extraordinary circumstances and integral elements within a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC).

V. Consultation With Establishing Agencies and Determination of Appropriateness

DA worked with DOE to identify the CATEX that could apply to DA proposed actions and consulted with DOE representatives on 29 July 2026. During the consultation, the agencies discussed whether the categories of DA proposed actions would be appropriately covered by the CATEX; the extraordinary circumstances that DA should consider before applying this CATEX to DA’s proposed actions; the requirement to evaluate conditions listed as integral elements in DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures; and what documentation DA should complete when applying this CATEX. The agencies also considered past use of the CATEX by DOE. At the conclusion of that process, the agencies determined that DA’s proposed use of the CATEX as described in this notice would be appropriate.

VI. Notice to the Public and Documentation of Adoption

This notice serves to identify to the public the CATEX DA plans to use for its proposed actions, subject to the limitations described above (42 U.S.C. 4336c(3) and document DA’s adoption of the CATEX listed in Section II in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 4336c(4), and identifies the types of actions to which DA contemplates applying the CATEX to at this time. In adopting this categorical exclusion, DA will make an administrative change to remove “DOE” from the categorical exclusion text, in alignment with recent Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidance on categorical exclusions¹. Upon issuance of this notice, the adopted

CATEX is available for use by DA, effective immediately.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–532–000]

Rio Grande LNG Train 6, LLC; Notice of Rescheduled Virtual Scoping Session for the Proposed Rio Grande LNG Expansion Project

On July 29, 2026, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rio Grande LNG Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, Notice of Public Scoping Session, and Schedule for Environmental Review*. The notice described the project facilities (including a facilities map) and announced the ongoing scoping period that ends on August 31, 2026. However, staff recognized that there was a typographical error in the call-in number printed in the notice for the August 19, 2026, virtual scoping session.

In an effort to gather public comments that were not received at the virtual scoping session due to this error, this notice invites you to attend the rescheduled virtual public scoping session. Commission staff will conduct by telephone for the proposed Rio Grande LNG Expansion Project (Project). With this notice the Commission is also extending the scoping period for the project, which will now close on September 11, 2026. This virtual scoping session will be held as follows:

Rio Grande LNG Expansion Project

Public Scoping Session

Date, Time, and Call-in Information

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

5:00 pm Central Standard Time (CST)

Call in number: 1–866–652–5200

Ask to be joined into the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) call

Note that the scoping session will start at 5:00 p.m. (CST) and will terminate once all participants wishing to comment have had the opportunity to do so, or at 7:00 p.m. (CST), whichever comes first. The primary goal of this scoping session is to have you identify the specific environmental issues and

concerns that should be considered in the environmental document. Individual oral comments will be taken one at a time with a court reporter present on the line. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of oral comments, in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted.

There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff when the session opens. You may call at any time after the session begins, at which time you will be placed on hold. Calls will be answered in the order they are received. Once answered, you will have the opportunity to provide your comment directly to a court reporter with FERC staff or representative present on the line. A time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentor. Please note that your hold times may vary based on the number of callers at any given time.

Your oral comments will be recorded by the court reporter and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts of all comments received during the scoping session will be publicly available on FERC’s eLibrary system. It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided orally at a virtual scoping session.

As a reminder, the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is also on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the

¹ CEQ’s April 2026 guidance on “Establishing, Revising, Adopting, and Applying Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act” provides for non-substantive changes when adopting another agency’s categorical exclusion. Specifically, CEQ guidance states: “[i]f an agency needs to clarify that an adopted categorical exclusion applies to its proposed action despite non-substantive language in the categorical exclusion referencing the establishing agency, it may explain this in the public notice adopting the categorical exclusion.”