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From: California Energy Commission
 715 P Street
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Project Applicant: DOE- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Project Title: Cooking and Clean Air in California Homes Study

Project Location – Specific: TBD

Project Location – City: _____ **Project Location – County:** _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

UC Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory would continue to collaborate with academic institutions, including other UC campuses, and with public and private research facilities to participate in small-scale research activities, including data gathering, bench-top lab work and assembly, product and component testing, and sampling and monitoring. Such work would typically take place indoors and in established laboratory settings, engineering and assembly shops, or other appropriately designed research facilities. Activities would be consistent with the missions and permitted uses of such settings and would conform to all applicable health, safety, and environmental rules and regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DOE- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, the Project would involve operation "of existing public and private structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment" in a manner which is consistent with their designed and on-going use. All applicable health, safety, and environmental rules and regulations would be followed; activities would be conducted by appropriately trained and qualified researchers and technicians.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 describes a number of exceptions to categorical exemptions, which include the following: location, cumulative impact, significant effect, scenic highway, hazardous waste sites, and historical resources. These exceptions have been determined not to apply to the Project. This Categorical Exemption would not be used in cases where research activities might trigger one or more of the Section 15300.2 exceptions.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Aryana Sherzai **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Aryana Sherzai **Date:** 11/14/24 **Title:** Commission Agreement Manager

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____