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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
**OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
**NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: City of Ann Arbor

STATE: MI

**PROJECT**  
**TITLE :** Wind Generator Project

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
	DE-EE0000447	GFO-0000447-004	GO447

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

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

<b>A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination</b>	Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)
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## Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan to conduct public outreach and education about wind energy.

DOE completed three previous NEPA determinations (GFO-000447-001 CXA9 4/14/2011; GFO-0000447-002 CXA9 10/24/2012; GFO-0000447-003 CX B3.1, B3.3 8/15/2013) which included siting analysis and selection of a project developer, fatal flaw analysis of primary site and additional sites, outreach, education, micro siting analysis, environmental impact studies, and reporting.

Since the last NEPA determination there has been a scope change. The recipient has filed an amended Statement of Project Objectives (SOPO) dated July 14, 2014. Tasks 1 and 2 in the amended SOPO have been completed and were approved under the previous NEPA determinations. This NEPA determination applies only to Tasks 3 and 4 in the amended SOPO.

Task 3 – Outreach and Education. Task three is limited to developing and implementing a community outreach and education program. The program will include the development of permanent and mobile exhibits, the development of educational programs, and implementation of the educational programs developed.

Task 4 – Project Reporting. Task four is limited to project reporting.

No new construction, permits, licenses, authorizations, or modifications to existing facilities will be required to conduct the work in these tasks. All waste generated by the projects would be disposed of appropriately and would comply with all required standards for disposal of solid wastes. No additional affects to resources or additional concerns were found to exist during this review.

Based on review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined the education, outreach, and reporting activities in Tasks 3 and 4 would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined the proposed project is consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering, data analysis and computer modeling," and is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

NEPA determination completed by Roak Parker 8/15/2014.  
This NEPA determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8/18/2014

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

☐ Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

- ☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- ☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

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

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_