

**NEPA Determination for the  
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program  
Application submitted by the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of WI  
Commercial Building Energy Audits**

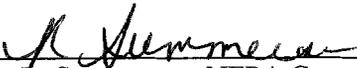
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants to states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. DOE's authorization for this program is set forth in Title V, Subtitle E, of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007. This CX determination is applicable to DOE elements reviewing and awarding formula-based and competitive grants under the EECBG Program, and includes, but is not limited to, EECBG Program activities under the purview of DOE-HQ Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE Golden Field Office, and the DOE Oak Ridge Office. Residential and commercial building energy audits would be conducted by various states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes.

The proposed action would involve conducting energy load and efficiency assessments in ten tribal buildings. The combined square footage of all buildings to be audited is 60,124 square feet. Audits will examine heating/cooling systems, hot water heaters, boilers, furnaces, office equipment, lighting systems, windows, doors, thermostats, and occupant behavior impacting energy use. Audits will identify opportunities for energy efficiency upgrades and retrofitting projects in order to maximize energy efficiency in the tribal facilities being audited.

The application submitted and the technical review for this proposal do not reveal any extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, or to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211. The proposed development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation strategies and training activities funded by this grant would not result in an adverse effect to historic properties included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), would not impact sensitive resources [e.g., threatened and endangered (T/E) species, wetlands and floodplains].

A9 and B5.1 are the applicable CXs that cover the proposed action in the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix A and B.

Based on my review of the above description, I have determined that the above actions are categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation. The DOE Contracting Officer Representative is responsible for oversight of the application of this determination.

  
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Jane R. Summerson, NEPA Compliance Officer

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