



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Project Title ND-TRIBE-TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA

Location: Tribe ND-TRIBE-TURTLE ND
MOUNTAIN BAND
OF CHIPPEWA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota proposes to 1) develop an energy efficiency conservation strategy for buildings and facilities which would include understanding the issues involved with solar installation and, in addition, development of a pilot project (50 kV solar array installation) to train tribal members on solar installation; 2) conduct training programs for Tribes to become energy installers and auditors, conduct energy audits, and pay salaries of auditors; 3) examine the best approach for tapping wind energy to serve local buildings, explore option of placing small turbines at each building which would require analyzing new mini-turbines under development; contract with wind energy companies to determine best option for tapping wind energy for reservation; and contract with a law firm to study what legal barriers may exist; and 4) conduct a 12-week weatherization pilot project on homes built between 1969 and 1999 (includes retrofit of windows, doors, insulation, and siding), conduct energy audits, and prepare energy savings report.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B2.5, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

Gary S. Hartman

Date Determined: 12/20/2010

Comments:

Webmaster:

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