U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: MA-Energy Efficiency and Green Government - Community Education Program

Location: Massachusetts Methuen

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

Funds will be provided to the City's Committee on Energy Efficiency and Green Government to take the lead in developing a community education program, culminating in a Green Day in the Fall of 2009 where Methuen residents can learn about resources that are available to them to help them be better energy managers for their own households. Methuen hopes to repeat this event in 2010.

We will work with National Grid to coordinate this event with the seasonal campaign for energy audit sign-ups and hope we can leverage the provision of complementary energy efficiency materials by the utility. We will also use this event for outreach regarding the recycling program and to provide information to residents on the City's initiatives to reduce energy use in city buildings, through EECBG and other funding sources.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

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

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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: Nov 19, 2009

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