U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Hughes Village Energy Efficiency Retrofits

Location: Alaska Interior Regional Housing Association for Hughes Village

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

The proposed action would involve the installation of a wood-fired boiler at the tribal washeteria to replace an existing fuel-fired boiler for heat. The tribe reports that installing the wood-fired boiler on the washeteria takes advantage of the lowest cost heating source available to the community. The wood resource is readily available in close proximity to the community; therefore extensive travel or fuel usage for collection of the wood for the boiler would not be required.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A1 - Routine administrative/financial/personnel actions

*-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: Mary Martin Date Determined: Dec 18, 2009

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland

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