



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 propose to 1) explore the potential for wind energy development on the Reservation by soliciting expertise from an engineering company to determine the best option for tapping wind energy on the reservation for its public buildings and seek legal expertise to study legal barriers that may exist; 2) conduct energy audits and a feasibility study to determine if several sizeable public buildings have the potential to be sites for either district heating or a combined heat and power project, develop initial plans for installation of the overall strategy, and review all public buildings on the Reservation to determine what other steps can be taken to improve energy efficiency and conserve energy; and 3) contract services with appropriate labor unions to train tribal members to become energy installers/auditors.

Conditions: None

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

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

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: 5/13/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: