

PMC-EF2a

(20402)

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: KY Dept. for Energy Development and Independence

STATE: KY

PROJECT TITLE : EECBG Program: Small Cities and Counties Initiative (subgrant): Leitchfield Anaerobic Digester

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000730.004		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

Rational for determination:

The KY Dept. for Energy Development and Independence is planning to award \$125,000 in EECBG ARRA funding to the City of Litchfield in conjunction with Grayson County to design gas lines and valves. The gas lines and valves will be used to transport methane created by a proposed anaerobic digester at the wastewater treatment plant to a food processing plant to reduce the amount of fuel oil being used at the facility. This is Phase 1 of a two phase project. Phase 2 consists of installing the gas lines and valves for transporting the methane. Once design is completed, another EF-1 will be submitted for Phase 2 that provides more information on specific location and path of lines and valves, materials to be used, and other site-related environmental information. Both phases of the project will receive EECBG funding with a total EECBG funding amount of \$250,000.

This NEPA determination is for Phase 1 which consists of the design process only. There will be no significant impact to human health and/or environment from the proposed action; therefore categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering" will apply.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

This restriction does not preclude you from:

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

7/7/10

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION☐ Field Office Manager review required**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

- ☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- ☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____