



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Project Title CA-TRIBE-BEAR RIVER BAND OF THE ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA

Location: Tribe CA-TRIBE-BEAR CA
 RIVER BAND OF
 THE ROHNERVILLE
 RANCHERIA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria of California (Band) has initiated both a program in energy conservation and in alternative energy through its Environmental Department but does not have a dedicated individual to pursue these goals. The Band proposes to create a new position within the Tribe (Energy Technician). The Band also proposes to retain the services of technical consultants to assist in training of the energy technician and further development of its energy efficiency and conservation program. The Energy Technician will be trained by both the Redwood Coast Energy Watch to assess the Bear River Band's energy needs and by Mr. Don Harland, the technical consultant responsible for designing and implementing the tribe's wind turbine generator, to better understand the Bear River Band's options for alternative energy. The Energy Technician, under the guidance of the Bear River Band's Environmental Coordinator, will create and submit an energy efficiency and conservation strategy.

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 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:

7/7/2010

Comments:

Webmaster:

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