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



RECIPIENT: Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno

STATE: NV

PROJECT TITLE : Geothermal Research and Outreach at the Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
N/A	DE-EE0003997	GFO-09-144-006	GO3997

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.
- B3.1** Onsite and offsite site characterization and environmental monitoring, including siting, construction (or modification), operation, and dismantlement or closing (abandonment) of characterization and monitoring devices and siting, construction, and associated operation of a small-scale laboratory building or renovation of a room in an existing building for sample analysis. Activities covered include, but are not limited to, site characterization and environmental monitoring under CERCLA and RCRA. Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

Rational for determination:

This is an FY10 CDP renewal. Funds from this renewal will be used as "seed money" to begin new R&D projects and fund continued outreach and data dissemination activities. The work is expected to be similar in nature to that from previous years. This NEPA determination (GFO-09-144-006) is a continuation of a previous NEPA determination (GFO-04-197b). This NEPA determination would continue the scope of work covered under the original NEPA determination. The Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy (GBCGE) would use DOE and cost share funding to conduct an applied research program of peer reviewed research projects to promote research on and utilization of geothermal resources in the Great Basin in collaboration with the geothermal industry and for GBCGE to continue to disseminate data and information.

This project comprises information gathering and onsite/offsite characterization; therefore this project is categorized under CX A9 and B3.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

EF2a prepared by Casey Strickland

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

9/7/10

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required