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

STATE: VT

**RECIPIENT:**Biomass Energy Resource Center

PROJECT TITLE : Biomass Energy Resource Center - Core and Program Support

 Funding Opportunity Announcement Number
 Procurement Instrument Number
 NEPA Control Number
 CID Number

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 DE-FG36-06G086103,A004
 GFO-G086103-003
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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 Biomass Energy Resource Center proposes to use federal funds to expand and advance its technical assistance and educational capabilities for sustainable biomass using automated wood-fired as well as wood and biofiber systems for heat and power creation as associated with project GFO-08-193-001.

This project will include assist in promoting biomass energy through establishing and assessing the feasibility of community wood energy applications, fuels for schools programs, and community district energy program assessment. They will also promote sustainably produced wood and biofiber fuel supplies, promote carbon sequestration techniques and determine appropriate fuel supplies for states, tribes, and regions. This project will also involve public education to include written materials, conference presentations, and web-based information.

This project is comprised of information gathering and dissemination, program development, feasibility studies; therefore a CX A9 will apply.

## NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Eugene Brown 11/10/2010

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

Compliance Office

Date: 11/17/10

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

11/10/2010