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



RECIPIENT: Vermont Department of Education

STATE: VT

**PROJECT TITLE :** Sustainable Energy For Vermont Schools

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
N/A	DE-EE0000385	GFO-0000385-003	EE385

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:

**B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

## Rational for determination:

The Vermont Department of Education proposes to use federal funds to install 5kW solar photovoltaic systems at 10 school sites throughout the state. This NEPA review is to release funds conditioned on a previous NEPA review (GFO-09-139-001). Restriction was place on the release of funds for the State Historic Preservation Officer review of three schools where solar panels are to be installed.

Bellows Free Academy on 71 South Main St, St. Albans, VT 05478  
Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes, 123 North St, Burlington, VT 05401  
Woodstock Union Middle/High School, 496 Woodstock Rd, Woodstock, VT 05091

The State Historic Preservation Officer letters have been received for Woodstock Middle/High School and Bellows Free Academy. A letter has not yet been received for The Sustainability Academy and therefore will continue to be restricted from installation in this NEPA review. An additional EF1 will need to be submitted for NEPA clearance of The Sustainability Academy.

The State Historic Preservation Officer has determined that Woodstock Middle/High School and Bellows Free Academy are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to building age. This concludes the NEPA review for these 2 schools; therefore a CX B5.1 will apply for the installation of solar panels.

**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:

Installation at:  
Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes, 123 North St, Burlington, VT 05401

This restriction does not preclude you from:

installation at:

Woodstock Union Middle/High School, 496 Woodstock Rd, Woodstock, VT 05091

Bellows Free Academy on 71 South Main St, St. Albans, VT 05478

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 :

Eugene Brown 1/6/2011

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kymrin Ken*

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*1/12/2011*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_