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



RECIPIENT:WA Dept. of Commerce

STATE: WA

PROJECT TITLE : SEP ARRA - Washington State Ferries Biodiesel Project - Phase I

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	EE0000139	GFO-0000139-027	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.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

Rainier Petroleum is proposing to use \$200,000 in SEP ARRA funding to purchase and install biodiesel fueling equipment to facilitate the injection of biodiesel into the No. 2 diesel supplied to the Washington State Ferries at the existing Rainier Petroleum facility. This NEPA determination is conditional allowing for the completion of the following tasks as outlined in the attached Statement of Work:

Task 1: Preliminary Engineering Study and Preliminary Site Plans
Task 2: Permits and Regulatory Compliance

Tasks 3 and 4 as outlined in the attached Statement of Work are not authorized in this NEPA determination and will require a separate NEPA determination before SEP ARRA funding can be used for those tasks. Total project cost is \$350,000. Total cost for tasks 1 and 2 is \$12,600.

Tasks 1 and 2 are consistent with activities outlined in A9 "information gathering" and A11 "technical advice"; therefore, they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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:

Task 3 and Task 4 as described in the attached Statement of Work.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Task 1 and Task 2 as described in the attached Statement of Work.

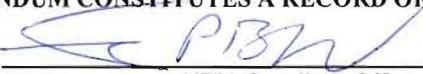
If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

Any activities that fall outside Task 1 and Task 2 must be submitted for individual NEPA review.

EF2a completed by Logan Sholar

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 3/16/11

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: _____