



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Project Title TN-City-Chattanooga

Location: City Chattanooga TN

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Develop an energy efficiency and conservation strategy; 2) establish the sustainability office; 3) install a green roof on the City Council Building, built 1937; 4) bike path installation, pavement markings, signage, and bike rack installations for the development of a bike share pilot project; 5) lighting retrofits at the Veterans Bridge (1984), the Walnut Street Bridge (100 years old), and the Coolidge Park/Northshore area; 6) technical consultant services to develop a strategy for addressing energy use within city-owned buildings; 7) technical consultant services to prepare updated reports and analyses on energy usage; and 8) technical consultant services to assist the new energy coordinator with various activities including performing site visits to municipal facilities, examining municipal facilities, and discussing energy use and energy saving opportunities, and meeting with local energy program support groups to discuss goals and strategies.

Conditions: Historic preservation clause applies to this application (Activity 3 - City Council Building [1937]; Activity 5 - lighting retrofits on Walnut Street Bridge [100 yrs])

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A1, 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: 7/18/2012

Comments:

Webmaster: