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



RECIPIENT: MS Development Authority-Energy Division

STATE: MS

PROJECT TITLE : ARRA Energy Efficiency &amp; Conservation Block Grant

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
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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:

- 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.
- 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:

Mississippi's Development Authority-Energy Division will administer the EECBG Program for the state of Mississippi. Mississippi's Development Authority-Energy Division would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation Mississippi's EECBG Program. All projects under this program are bounded in compliance with the uploaded and signed EECBG Template for Expedited NEPA review.

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditioned pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy; therefore they are categorized under CX A9, A11, and B5.1.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
NEPA Compliance OfficerDate: 2/8**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Office Manager

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, I have made the following determination:

Order 401.1(A) I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPROPRIATE AND NUMBER:

Decision:

82.7 Action to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of hazardous, harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as business, rental, commercial, design), organizations (such as schools, and state and local government), covered action vehicles, but are not limited to programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of smart on/off water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvement in generator efficiency and electrical efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or related practices, and analytical supervision and research and development and pilot projects. The action could involve building retrofits or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sector. These actions do not include retrofits, standard-setting, or proposed DOE regulation.

82.8 Information gathering (including but not limited to literature surveys, workshops, audits, data analysis (including computer modeling), document collection (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including but not limited to document mailing, publication, and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring and technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

82.9 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

82.10 Mississippi's Development Authority Energy Division will administer the EIS/EA Program for the state of Mississippi. Mississippi's Development Authority Energy Division would pass through DOE funding to sub-recipients for the implementation Mississippi's EIS/EA Program. All projects under the program are funded in compliance with the updated and revised EIS/EA Template for Expedited NEPA review.

Any projects that fall outside the scope of the template are conditioned pending further NEPA review.

These projects comprise education, technical advice, and actions to conserve energy, therefore they are categorized under CX 82.1, 82.7, and 82.1.

NEPA PROVISION:

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for the event.

Insert the following language in the event:

None specified.

None given.

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM COMPLETER & RECORD OF THIS DECISION:

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FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION