



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Project Title AK-TRIBE-ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS, INC
Location: Tribe AK-TRIBE- ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS, INC AK

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc., (AVCP) proposes to renovate a steel-constructed building, built circa 1990 (First Avenue Building, US Survey 1002 Parcel 1, Lot 1), located in Bethel, Alaska, to an office building. Proposed building retrofits would include installation of an (EPA certified) wood-fired central boiler, a conventional (household size) energy efficient oil-fired boiler, a heat distribution system, energy efficient doors and windows, insulation, and energy efficiency lighting. Prior to conducting the building retrofits, an energy evaluation would be conducted, which would include a design phase for the heating system; selection of appropriate insulation, doors, windows, and lighting; procurement of all materials (except for the wood-fired boiler); freight to the job site; and implementation. The energy evaluation phase of the project would also involve travel costs to Bethel by personnel conducting the evaluation. The design phase of the project would include a detailed design of the heating system, the electrical upgrades required for the heating system and lighting upgrades, and the specifications required for the windows, doors, and insulation. No air permits would be required, and wood for the wood-fired boiler would be collected by pulling dead floating trees and sticks from the nearby river.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B2.5, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21

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: 4/11/2013

Comments: Webmaster: