



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title AK-TRIBE-ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KAKE

Location: Tribe AK-TRIBE- ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KAKE AK

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Organized Village of Kake (OVK) of Alaska proposes three activities: 1) the first activity is to prepare a strategy which will promote the reduction of the tribe's energy consumption. The strategy would include conducting a wind energy feasibility study which would include installing wind measuring tools on OVK Trust land, measuring wind speed for site placement, and requesting bids for the installation of the wind turbines on the OVK office building, as well as utilizing the results of the study to educate the community on energy conservation and cleaner ways to power and heat a home or business in a rural setting; 2) the second activity is to install two 2.5 kW wind turbines on OVK Trust land to collect data and to connect the turbines to the OVK Office Building; and 3) the third activity is installation of an approximate 4 kW solar array, pole mounted, on trust lands located in an area near the Keku Cannery National Historic Landmark.

Conditions: Requires THPO approval per email from Doug Gasek (Alaska SHPO Office) dated 8/16/2012

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B3.6, B5.1, B5.16

\*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10 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: 8/21/2012

Comments:

Webmaster: