



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



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

Project Title FL-City-Tallahassee

Location: City Tallahassee FL

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Technical consultant to develop new dynamic rates and direct load control programs; 2) purchase equipment and software to enhance capability of the city's energy audit program; 3) provide commercial, residential and builder financial incentives (rebates) for energy efficiency improvements and green building; 4) install battery operated air conditioning compressors in several policy vehicles to reduce engine-idling time and staff a person to engineer and coordinate installation; 5) upgrade energy efficiency equipment for several city buildings which includes replacing HVAC systems, integrating city buildings onto the Central Energy Management System, and replacing the boiler in the city's Senior Center; 6) purchase equipment and conduct/install two pilot/demonstration projects for thermal energy storage technologies; 7) replace streetlights with energy efficient light-emitting diode lighting; and 8) work with the Tallahassee Housing Authority to purchase solar water heaters for residents.

Conditions: None--Programmatic Agreement covers activities associated with facilities >50 yrs

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A1, A9, A11, B1.32, 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: 4/13/2011

Comments:

Webmaster: