



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Project Title IN/MI-TRIBE-POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

Location: Tribe IN/MI-TRIBE- IN/
 POKAGON BAND MI
 OF POTAWATOMI
 INDIANS

Proposed Action or Project Descriptio

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Indiana/Michigan proposes to 1) complete an in-depth feasibility study for a methane gas fueled power plant proposed for the Band's trust land in New Buffalo Township, Berrien County, Michigan; 2) conduct residential and commercial building heating and cooling and weatherization audits; 3) conduct lighting retrofits in the Administration Building and install a 16-kW solar array on the building to offset electricity demand and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions; and 4) conduct a promotional campaign within the Pokagon Band community to raise aware of energy use and conservation issues including preparing promotional posters and handouts and purchasing LED light bulb and Kill-a-Watt electricity watt monitors for Tribal citizens.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, 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: 10/13/2011

Comments: Webmaster: