



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title MA-City-Lawrence

Location: City Lawrence MA

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Develop energy efficiency and conservation strategy (complete); 2) technical consultant services to support the development of projects and analysis of results from retrofit activities; 3) conduct building retrofits to Lawrence’s Main Library—motor upgrades, variable frequency drive upgrades, building automation system installation, and to City Hall—building automation system installation and thermostat radiator valve installation; 4) educate and equip all building inspectors with necessary tools for encouraging and enforcing energy efficient standards, develop a mechanism for coordinating permitting practices to condition all variances and special permits on agreement to follow “green” standards, and focus on energy use and develop and promote zoning guidelines and requirements that result in more energy efficient land use; 5) acquire recycling roll-out “totes” and bins for residents, as well as barrel reuse stickers, and school programs to educate school children on recycling; and 6) installation of a 20 kW photovoltaic roof-top system at either the Lawrence Public Library (1973) or the Lawrence High School (2007).

Conditions: Historic preservation clause applies to this application (City Hall circa 1865)

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B2.5, B3.6, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021

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: 7/14/2011

Comments:

Webmaster: