



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



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM  
Project Title MN-TEP-LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY  
Location: Tribal LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY MN

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Lower Sioux Indian Community proposes to use technical services to prepare feasibility studies which includes: a feasibility analysis and pre-development engineering for development of a community scale wind turbine and installation of a meteorological tower (the project end-points are development of requests for proposal for the most likely projects and identification of potential vendors); and a feasibility analysis and pre-development engineering, environmental analyses, etc., for a commercial scale wind project and installation of a meteorological tower.

Conditions: None

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

\*-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:

5/24/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: