

**NEPA Determination for the
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Application submitted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of MT
Energy Audits**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants to states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. DOE's authorization for this program is set forth in Title V, Subtitle E, of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007. This CX determination is applicable to DOE elements reviewing and awarding formula-based and competitive grants under the EECBG Program, and includes, but is not limited to, EECBG Program activities under the purview of DOE-HQ Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE Golden Field Office, and the DOE Oak Ridge Office. Residential and commercial building energy audits would be conducted by various states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are proposing to conduct energy audits for 15-20 of its Tribal Government Office Buildings. The Tribes (CSKT) would conduct a comprehensive Tribal government facility screening initiative with the assistance of consultant services (2 contractors) to determine which Tribal facilities are suitable for a formal energy audit and potential follow energy retrofits to achieve the greatest energy savings. The buildings are situated at several locations on the Flathead Reservation.

The application submitted and the technical review for this proposal do not reveal any extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, or to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211. The proposed energy audits for Tribal government buildings would not result in an adverse effect to historic properties included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), and would not impact sensitive resources (e.g., threatened and endangered (T/E) species, wetlands and floodplains).

A9, A11, and B5.1 are the applicable CXs in the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021, subpart D Appendix A and Appendix B that cover the proposed action.

Based on my review of the materials describing the proposed action, I have determined that the above actions are categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation. The DOE Contracting Officer Representative is responsible for oversight of the application of this determination.



Mary E. Martin, NNSA HQ NEPA Compliance Officer



Date