



U.S. Department of Energy

National Environmental Policy Act- Determination Form

Program Office: EERE-Nevada Office

Project Title: Assessments and Retrofits

Project Location: New Jersey City of Plainfield

Proposed Action or Project Description:

RIN#:

ARRA:
No federal funds will be required for initial comprehensive energy audits, which are fully funded through New Jersey's Local Government Energy Audit Program, or the initial facility assessments through the NJ Clean Energy Program's Direct Install Program. The assessment is provided for all participating communities, and costs are only incurred for the actual retrofits that are implemented as a result of the assessment through the Direct Install Program. Upgrades are most likely to include HVAC, insulation, windows, doors, lighting, and appliances.

NJ Clean Energy Program funds will pay for 80% of the retrofit costs through the Direct Install Program. EECBG funding will be used for the remaining 20%. If eligible, Plainfield may also enroll buildings with upgrades that score well in the cost-benefit assessment relative to the Direct Install eligible upgrades (which carry a greater subsidy) in the Pay for Performance program which offers varied subsidies. (only facilities with greater than 200kw peak load are eligible to participate).

Class of Action(s) Applied:

X - B2.5 Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, replacement/upgrade of facility components

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021 [Click Here](#)

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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Alhalima J. Lawrence Date Determined: Sep 22, 2011

Comments:

