



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title NM-TRIBE-PUEBLO OF TAOS

Location: Tribe NM-TRIBE- NM
PUEBLO OF TAOS

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Pueblo of Taos, New Mexico, proposes to increase energy efficiency at several Taos Pueblo Tribal facilities by assessing all water heaters and replacing obsolete and inefficient water heaters at a number of facilities, where deemed necessary. This would include retrofitting plumbing and electrical services to meet code compliance and removal and disposal of all old obsolete water heaters. During the water heater installation process, it was determined that a trench across Pasture Road at the Governor's Office was required to upgrade/replace undersized conduit to a transformer. DOE funding was provided to Taos Pueblo for this action (conduit installation) that was already completed. Required permits were issued for the project and work was completed by a licensed plumbing and electrical contractor.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B2.5, B5.1

*-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:

7/19/2012

Comments:

Webmaster: