



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



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM  
Project Title NV/CA-TEP-WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA  
Location: Tribal WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA NV/CA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California proposes to 1) install two, 20 meter, anemometer towers and collect data for one year, install a Sonic Detection and Ranging (SODAR) unit to collect wind gust data, install approximately 50 two-meter holes for use in collecting geothermal data, and collection of solar data; and 2) prepare a Final Comprehensive Feasibility Report that determines which alternative energy resource has the largest return per dollar invested, and addresses whether or not a large scale alternative-energy project is a viable investment alternative for the Washoe Tribe.

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: 5/13/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: