



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title NY-TRIBE-SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

Location: Tribe NY-TRIBE-SENECA NY
NATION OF
INDIANS

Proposed Action or Project Description:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Seneca Nation of Indians of New York proposes to 1) conduct building retrofits to tribal facilities which would include installation of new windows, lighting retrofits, and installation of programmable thermostats. All tribal government facilities are located on aboriginal territory. Cultural/historical protection policies are in place at the Seneca Nation through the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) located on the Allegany Territory, and the THPO would oversee all impacts/changes required; and 2) install an approximately 4 kW photovoltaic system on the Oak Tree Senior Apartments building, develop an interactive website and kiosk on renewable energy, and provide renewable energy educational materials for teachers and community members.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, B2.5, B5.1, B5.16

*-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:

9/17/2012

Comments:

Webmaster: