



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title PR-City-Ponce

Location: City Ponce PR

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Provide training on residential and commercial audits, incentives, weatherization, etc., and preparing instructional modules and brochures for community education; 2) hire facilitators to support the energy improvement program; 3) install a photovoltaic system (approximately 5 kW) at La Guancha Recreational Facility; 4) provide capacity banks at various buildings including the Pachin Vicens Sports Complex, City Hall, and other buildings; 5) install photovoltaic public lighting at selected avenues (no new poles purchased or installed); 6) upgrade existing interior lighting systems at selected buildings of the municipality using a combination of energy-efficient lamps, high-efficiency ballasts, reflectors, and fixture replacements, as appropriate, and install motion sensors in selected buildings; 7) replace existing streetlights with LED lamps (no new poles purchased or installed); 8) energy management training for facilitating the use of performance indicators; 9) perform central air conditioning repairs and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning upgrade to the Pachin Vicens Coliseum; 10) technical consultant services to conduct energy audits; 11) formation of green building and performance standards ordinance to adopt a set of guidelines to facilitate green buildings without forcing excessive costs on developers, etc.; 12) develop a life cycle cost purchasing process for energy intensive equipment (e.g., air conditioners, motors, lighting fixtures, and motor vehicles); 13) educate and conduct training on energy saver tips and replace light bulbs with high energy efficiency light bulbs; and 14) replace old and outdated household appliances with energy efficiency appliances.

Conditions: Historic preservation clause applies to this application

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A1, A9, A11, B1.32, B2.5, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021.

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:

2/9/2011



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Comments:

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