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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: BEST BioDiesel Cashton, LLC

STATE: WI

PROJECT TITLE : Advanced Biofuel Production Technology

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DOE-0000052	DOE-0000163	GFO-10-147-006	0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

Rational for determination:

Best BioDiesel Cashton, LLC is to receive up to \$650K from the Department of Energy for new cold soak equipment that is to be installed in their existing biodiesel production facility. The company has provided information for the various permits that it has in support of the facility operations.

Best BioDiesel operates a 10-million gallon biodiesel facility that is fully permitted. Installation of the equipment will not require permitting changes to its operations. The company has provide evidence of its current operations permit and project information to assure the Department that no changes in building footprint or related construction or repairs to the building will be required. The State has assured the Department that it enforce related waste stream requirements.

Based on the information supplied from the recipient and the state, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that this project falls within Categorical Exclusion 5.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

According to Best BioDiesel, the funds associated with this project are \$625,000. Information provided to me by the project officer; however, indicate funding needs of \$650,000. This discrepancy in funding does not impact my NEPA determination, but is brought to your attention in the event you need to know the exact funding amount to be released.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 2/19/2010

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Field Office Manager

Based on my review of the information submitted in the application for the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 4011.1), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, OR ALTERNATE APP NUMBER:

Based on the information supplied from the applicant and the site, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that this project falls within Categorical Exclusion 2.1.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this action.

From the following language in the award:

According to Best BioGlobal, the funds associated with this project are \$255,000. Information provided to me by the project officer, however, indicates funding needs of \$600,000. This discrepancy in funding does not impact my NEPA determination, but it brings to your attention in the event you need to know the exact funding amount to be released.

SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM COMPLETER'S RECORD OF THIS DECISION

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Date: 3/19/2010