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



RECIPIENT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE : CRED - SMUD: BLT Anaerobic Digester

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000122	DE-EE0003070		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:

A9 Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide federal funding to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for the design and installation of an anaerobic digestion system at the Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station (BLT Enterprises). The project will deploy the co-digestion of fruits, vegetables and other organic wastes. Biogas produced will feed the Cosumnes Power Plant or Procter-Gamble Cogeneration facility via a new pipeline to an existing SMUD pipeline. Additional details about the location of that new pipeline and the potential impacts on wetlands and other surface waters, protected species, cultural resources, and land use are needed before a final NEPA determination can be made for this project.

Phase I work for this anaerobic digestion system at BLT Enterprises include activities related to the permitting and the preliminary design of the system – Outlined in Task 5 of SOPO: Anaerobic Digestion of Food Waste at BLT Enterprises. No ground-disturbing activities or installations will occur as part of Phase 1.

Additional details regarding the location and construction of pipeline have been requested. When DOE receives those details, a subsequent NEPA determination for this project will be made.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:

Capital expenditures, installation or construction, and any earth moving or disturbing activities.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

Preliminary design work, environmental impact evaluations, and regulatory compliance activities, as outlined in Task 5 of the SOPO.

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the

final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/18/10
NEPA Compliance Officer

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