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



RECIPIENT: Saint Paul

STATE: MN

PROJECT TITLE : Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA0000013	DE-EE0000755.001		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:

The City of St. Paul would modify an EECBG activity (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations) previously categorically excluded under NEPA with the City's initial award (Waste Stream Clause and SHPO Clause applicable at the time) to include the purchase of three electric vehicles. While the purchase and installation of the electric vehicle charging stations would remain unchanged, the City would also utilize EECBG funds to cover the incremental cost of purchasing three electric vehicles as compared to purchasing conventional fuel vehicles. The new vehicles would result in decreased fuel consumption and reduced greenhouse gas emissions and the activity is therefore categorically excluded under NEPA under CX B5.1 (Actions to conserve energy).

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

This determination is limited to the proposed purchase of electric vehicles. The original NEPA determination for the electric vehicle charging station portion of the activity remains unchanged.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:


 NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

5/13/10

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