



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM  
Project Title NV-TEP-WASHOE WISK'E'EM PROJECT  
Location: Tribal WASHOE WISK'E'EM PROJECT

NV

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Washoe Tribe) proposes to install four small (approximately 1.0-1.5 kW) vertical wind turbines at designated locations on Tribal lands to offset energy costs for the Tribe. Due to concerns about noise and wildlife, all four wind turbines will be vertical-axis turbines and these will be installed on public buildings approved by each Tribal community. The Washoe Tribe will analyze data collected from the wind turbines to better understand the wind resources. Site assessments of the four locations have been completed, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was consulted regarding the proposed project activities. The proposed project sites are not considered sensitive or critical habitats and land clearing would be restricted to the 6'x6' pad for the turbines outside of the avian breeding season or through clearance from a biologist/environmental specialist.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B3.1

\*-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: 7/22/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: