



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM
Project Title NV-TEP-FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE
Location: Tribal FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE

NV

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe proposes to develop a sustainable energy park utilizing renewable energy resources at the Tribe's Reservation in Churchill County, Nevada. This proposed energy park would demonstrate the potential contributions of joint ventures between Native Americans and business/corporate entities involved in renewable energy innovation and generation, in support of the larger U.S. goal of energy independence. The initial primary focus proposed is for planning and engineering. The specific proposed tasks include: base mapping, preparation of environmental assessments, archeological investigations, utility locations and extension studies, transportation interconnection studies, general site planning, testing, water and sewer extensions, electricity extensions, transmission line interconnection studies, site perimeter fencing planning, general site engineering, and project management and reporting. No earth moving activities are planned for this project. Since the proposed project is primarily for preconstruction assessments, studies, and for planning purposes, DOE has determined that this phase of the project can be categorically excluded.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21

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: