



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Project Title MA-City-New Bedford

Location: City New Bedford MA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Acquisition of services to support development of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy and a comprehensive strategic energy plan (ongoing); 2) establishment of a weatherization program for homes including support of start-up of weatherization contractors; create a Loan Loss Reserve Fund in support of utility-sponsored energy efficiency financing for homeowners—eligible measures to include: air sealing, appliance replacements, and insulation; community outreach and promotion; and monitoring, verification, and reporting; 3) creation of a municipal energy office; 4) conduct feasibility studies for installation of solar photovoltaic systems (ACTIVITY 4 EXCLUDES INSTALLATION FROM NEPA APPROVAL); 5) initiation and implementation of a comprehensive energy conservation and efficiency strategy for city-owned buildings including benchmarking, and acquisition of a contractor to execute an energy savings performance contract for a number of city-owned buildings; and 6) retrofit of a number of municipal buildings to improve energy efficiency (ACTIVITY 6 IS EXCLUDED FROM NEPA APPROVAL)

Conditions: None - EXCLUDES INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC IN ACTIVITY 4 AND BUILDING RETROFITS IN ACTIVITY 6

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A1, A9, A11,B2.5, B3.6, 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: 8/30/2010

Comments:

Webmaster:

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