

PMC-EF2a

(20402)

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



RECIPIENT: Oregon Department of Energy

STATE: OR

PROJECT TITLE : Oregon ARRA SEP – Lakeview Schools Geothermal Upgrade

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE FOA 0000052	EE0000140	GFO-0000140-004	EE140

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.
- A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The \$1,000,000 of SEP funding requested for this project will support the complete retrofit of five Lakeview schools to utilize the heat contained in a new geothermal resource, Barry Wells. The project will involve the conversion of steam and high temperature water heating systems over to lower geothermal temperature water systems. The project will included the addition and/or reconfiguration of heating coils, ducting, heating water piping, terminal units, and controls to utilize 5MBTU/hr of new geothermal resource.

The proposed SEP project is currently being assessed as part of the DOE EA 1701.

Actions involved with the proposed SEP project that are consistent with activities outlined in A9 and A11 are categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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:

DOE funds are not authorized for project site prep and all construction activities pending outcome of the environmental assessment.

This restriction does not preclude you from:

SCOEDD is authorized to initiate the preparation of an EA by a third-party contractor, consistent with DOE NEPA implementing regulations. DOE, SCOEDD, and a third-party contractor shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) defining the scope of services to be completed by the third-party contractor on behalf of DOE.

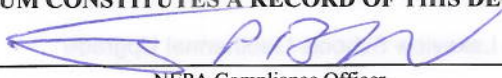
If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

This EF-2A was completed by Logan Sholar.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____



NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: _____

10/8/10

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 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: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____

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