

**NEPA Determination for the
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Application submitted by the Menominee Indian Tribe of WI
Energy Efficiency Retrofits for the Tribal HQ**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants to states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. DOE's authorization for this program is set forth in Title V, Subtitle E, of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007. This CX determination is applicable to DOE elements reviewing and awarding formula-based and competitive grants under the EECBG Program, and includes, but is not limited to, EECBG Program activities under the purview of DOE-HQ Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE Golden Field Office, and the DOE Oak Ridge Office. Energy efficiency retrofits would be conducted by various states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes. The proposed actions would involve the approval of grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for the purpose of retrofitting existing facilities to improve energy efficiency.

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin proposes to retrofit windows and the boiler heating system in the Menominee Tribal Headquarters building at W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road, Keshena, WI. The Tribe anticipates significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions as result of implementing the subject retrofits.

The Menominee Tribal Headquarters may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The Menominee Administrative Manager has consulted with the Menominee Historic Preservation Officer for the proposed retrofits. The Historic Preservation Officer has reviewed the proposed retrofits and provided his approval.

The application submitted and the technical review for this proposal do not reveal any extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, or to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211. The proposed energy efficiency and conservation activities funded by this grant would not impact sensitive resources [e.g., threatened and endangered (T/E) species, wetlands and floodplains].

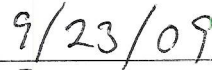
A1, B2.5 and B5.1 are the applicable CXs that would cover the proposed action in the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix A and Appendix B.

Based on my review of the Menominee EECBG Application and the technical review for this proposal, I have determined that the above actions can be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation as long as any requirements imposed by the Menominee Historic Preservation Officer to prevent adverse impacts to the Menominee Tribal Headquarters are complied with.

The DOE Contracting Officer Representative is responsible for oversight of the application of this determination.



Mary E. Martin, NNSA NEPA Compliance Officer



Date