



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title WA-County-Skagit

Location: County Skagit WA

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

1) Fund a sustainability office; 2) small conservation project energy retrofits to include implementing energy fuel and natural resource conservation measures (i.e., purchase and install motion sensor lights, energy meters, print reduction software, rain barrel stands, and bike racks); 3) event recycling and bin lending program including purchasing recycling/composting bins, bin transporters, signs, and cargo trailer and applying appropriate signage; 4) purchase and install recycling bins in public facilities; 5) supplemental funding for Skagit Council of Governments to hire a Resource Conservation Manager to analyze electricity and fuel consumption; 6) conduct vehicle fleet review for energy efficiency, purchase all-electric vehicle for fleet use, and apply signage to county electric vehicle to promote electric vehicle usage; 7) Sustainable Skagit Home Certification Program which includes a marketing campaign to recruit homes in targeted neighborhoods, conducting audits of homes, etc., and a certification process to recognize and reward homeowners that take actions to reduce their home's environmental impact; and 8) Climate Stewards Program—offer participants training on climate change, impacts of global warming, actions to reduce personal and residential greenhouse gas emissions, and tools for communicating information to other community members.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11, B1.32, B2.5, B5.1

*-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:

12/20/2010



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