



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title AK-TRIBE-CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY

Location: Tribe AK-TRIBE-CHINIK AK
ESKIMO
COMMUNITY

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Chinik Native Community of Alaska proposes to utilize energy efficiency and conservation block grant funding to purchase, transport, install, operate, and monitor a meteorological tower on the top of the hill (immediately to the northeast of the Kitchavik fish camps) for approximately one year. Funds would also be used to hire a technician to perform routine maintenance on the tower, download data from the tower, and serve as the grants manager to administer the project, as well as develop a wind data analysis and a wind generator feasibility study. Funding would not be utilized for any subsequent geotechnical, design, permitting, or construction work related to potential future wind farm installation.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10 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: 2/22/2011

Comments: Webmaster: