



# U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



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

Project Title OH-City-Middletown

Location: City Middletown OH

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

Construction of an approximate 1.2 mile segment of bikeway to connect with other existing paths, adjacent to State Route 73, which includes drafting an energy management strategy, completing the engineering design, acquiring easements, obtaining state approvals, performing engineering for retaining wall, conducting archaeological survey, and constructing the bikeway.

Conditions: Although the bikeway is located in the 100 year floodplain, the impacts would be minimal since it is located directly next to an existing roadway and the potential for water displacement would be small.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: B1.32, 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:

8/2/2011

Comments:

Webmaster: