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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT:DOE Golden Field Office

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : Golden Field Office Relocation to NREL Research Support Facility

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
N/A	N/A	GFO-MOVE-001	

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:

- DOE/EA 1440 (NREL STM)** Final Site-Site Wide Environmental Assessment of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) South Table Mountain Complex (February 2003)
- DOE/EA 1440 S-I (NREL STM)** Final Supplement to Final Site-Wide Environmental Assessment of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) South Table Mountain Complex (May 2008)
- B1.31 Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment** Installation or relocation and operation of machinery and equipment (including, but not limited to, laboratory equipment, electronic hardware, manufacturing machinery, maintenance equipment, and health and safety equipment), provided that uses of the installed or relocated items are consistent with the general missions of the receiving structure. Covered actions include modifications to an existing building, within or contiguous to a previously disturbed or developed area, that are necessary for equipment installation and relocation. Such modifications would not appreciably increase the footprint or height of the existing building or have the potential to cause significant changes to the type and magnitude of environmental impacts.

**Rationale for determination:**

The Department of Energy's Golden Field Office would relocate their operations to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Campus into the Research Support Facility (RSF), C Wing. Approximately 350-400 personnel, equipment, office supplies and files would be moved approximately 2 miles from Denver West Buildings 15 and 17 to NREL. The purpose of this move is to consolidate staff in one location and reduce the amount of GSA leased office space and long-term costs associated with leased property.

Impacts associated with the increase in personnel located at the RSF and the increase in traffic on the NREL Campus have previously been analyzed as part of the South Table Mountain site-wide Environmental Assessment and Final Supplement. In addition, the March 2012 Baseline Engineering Level of Service (LOS) Analysis for the NREL STM included examining the scenario of adding 1,000 additional employees to the existing campus population and traffic levels observed in December 2011. With the south access road and the second right turn lane improvements at the DWP/DWMP intersection, LOS for PM peak traffic at that intersection with additional 1,000 employees was determined to be LOS B, far better than unacceptable traffic impact levels of LOS E & F.

DOE has determined that these activities have previously been analyzed as part of DOE/EA-1440 and DOE/EA-1440 S-I and are consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion B1.31 "Installation or relocation of machinery and equipment," and is excluded from further NEPA review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

Casey Strickland 10/3/2013

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

 **Electrically Signed By: Lori Gray**  
NEPA Compliance Officer

*Lori Gray*

Date: 10/9/2013

**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: \_\_\_\_\_