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



RECIPIENT: The City of Gridley

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE : Gridley Biofuels Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
N/A	DE-FC36-03GO13071	GFO-0013071-003	GO13071

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:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

Rationale for determination:

The Department of Energy is proposing to provide funding to the City of Gridley, CA to collect and analyze data provided by technology providers to assess the feasibility of converting rice harvest waste into renewable fuel. The feasibility study would include technology feasibility, environmental assessments, technology integration, conceptual designs of a commercial plant, economic modeling, and the commercial readiness of the selected technologies. This NEPA determination is for Budget Period 2/Phase 2. No construction activities are a part of Budget Period 2/Phase 2.

A previous B3.6 NEPA determination was completed on 9/09/04 for activities in Budget Period 1/Phase 1 which included a marketing and site assessment and is still applicable. No construction activities were a part of Budget Period 1/Phase 1.

DOE has determined the proposed activities are consistent with the actions contained in DOE categorical exclusions A9 "information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and is categorically 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 :

Bioenergy Technologies Office
This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.
NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder, 11/20/14

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: 
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 11/24/2014

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: _____