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



**RECIPIENT:** US Department of Energy (DE-FOA-0000953)

**STATE:** Mult

**PROJECT TITLE :** Strategies to Increase Residential Energy Code Compliance Rates And Measure Results

**Funding Opportunity Announcement Number** DE-FOA-0000953    **Procurement Instrument Number**    **NEPA Control Number** GFO-FOA-0000953-001    **CID Number**

**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:**

As part of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0000953) the Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking applications to investigate whether investing in education, training, and outreach programs can produce a significant change in single-family residential building code compliance rates.

All projects selected under this FOA would measure current single-family residential energy code compliance rate using a methodology that provides statewide results with 90% reliability, implement an education, training, and outreach program designed to increase single-family residential building energy code compliance, and then measure the post-program single-family residential building energy code compliance rate using the same methodology employed in the pre-program study. All project activities would consist exclusively of intellectual, academic, or analytical activities such as computer modeling and paper studies.

Based on review of the FOA, DOE has determined that any project selected under this FOA would consist of activities that would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that FOA activities are consistent with actions contained in DOE categorical exclusion A9 "Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination," and are 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 :

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

Casey Strickland 07/30/2014

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

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

Electronically Signed By: **Kristin Kerwin**  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 7/31/2014

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