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



RECIPIENT: New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department; Energy Conservation and Management Division

STATE: NM

PROJECT TITLE: Workplace and Fleet Electric Charging Stations on New Mexico State Property

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
SEp - ALRD - 2015	EE0006218	GFO-0006218-001	

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:

B5.23 Electric vehicle charging stations The installation, modification, operation, and removal of electric vehicle charging stations, using commercially available technology, within a previously disturbed or developed area. Covered actions are limited to areas where access and parking are in accordance with applicable requirements (such as local land use and zoning requirements) in the proposed project area and would incorporate appropriate control technologies and best management practices.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the New Mexico Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) to construct an electric vehicle (EV) charging station. The EMNRD is working to integrate electric vehicles in the Department's fleet to support the alternative fuels program. This initiative is the first step by the State of New Mexico to incorporate EV charging at state owned properties. The charging station would be comprised of one or two Dual Port Level 2 pedestal type chargers and would be installed in an existing parking lot.

The charging station would be located in the parking lot of the State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department Office Building located at 1200 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Necessary project activities would include the construction of a concrete pad and the placement of EV charging equipment (pedestal), installation of electrical conduit, trenching and repair of existing concrete curbing and asphalt parking surface.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program website (iPaC) identifies four threatened or endangered species that are known or believed to be present in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Due to the lack of habitat in the vicinity of the site, DOE has determined the proposed project would have no effect on the threatened species in the area. iPaC also identifies 28 Birds of Conservation Concern that are known or believed to be present in the area. Impacts to migratory birds are anticipated to be insignificant due to the previously developed/urban setting of the project site.

The project would be located outside of the 100-year floodplain.

Per National Register of Historic Places Database, there are no historical or cultural resources in the vicinity of the project site. No direct or indirect impacts to historic or cultural resources will occur as a result of this project.

Based on a review of the project information and the above analysis, DOE has determined that the proposed project would not have a significant individual or cumulative impact to human health and/or environment. DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions outlined in DOE categorical exclusions B5.23 "Electric vehicle charging stations" and is therefore 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 the Recipient intends to make changes to the scope or objective of this project, the Recipient is required to contact the Project Officer, identified in Block 15 of the Assistance Agreement before proceeding. The Recipient must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved. If the Recipient moves forward with activities that are not authorized for Federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of a final NEPA decision, the Recipient is doing so at risk of not receiving Federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

Weatherization & Intergovernmental Programs Office (SEP)
This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.
NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder 05/02/16

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

 *Kristin Kerwin*
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 5/2/2016

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: _____