

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



**RECIPIENT:** [The Towers Foundation, Inc](#)

**STATE:** CT

**PROJECT TITLE :** [Fueling Seniors: Meal Sustainability through Energy Efficiency](#)

<b>Funding Opportunity Announcement Number</b>	<b>Procurement Instrument Number</b>	<b>NEPA Control Number</b>	<b>CID Number</b>
<a href="#">DOE-CDS</a>	<a href="#">DE-EE0010142</a>	<a href="#">GFO-0010142-001</a>	

**Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:**

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

**[A1 Routine DOE business actions](#)**      [Routine actions necessary to support the normal conduct of DOE business limited to administrative, financial, and personnel actions.](#)

Rationale for determination:

[The U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\) is administering Congressionally Directed Spending to The Towers Foundation, Inc for the installation of a combined heat and power 100 kWh cogenerator that supplies 40% of the energy needs to Tower One, an HUD subsidized senior housing site with 328 units located in New Haven, CT. Installation activities began in 2020 and were completed in 2021 prior to congressional appropriations for the installation in 2022. Because the appropriation was for activities already completed, DOE's action is administration of the funding only. Therefore, this NEPA review is only for the potential impacts of funding administration and will not include any review of potential impacts that may have been associated with the installation activities that occurred prior to federal involvement.](#)

[Work activities included the installation of the cogenerator outdoors. This took place on previously disturbed land within the community's parking area on an 8 ft x 8 ft x 20 ft concrete slab. Funding administration activities would include administrative actions such as preparing documents and communications, completing project management tasks, and holding meetings with stakeholders. Activities would be limited to administrative and financial efforts necessary to support routine DOE business actions.](#)

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

[Advanced Manufacturing Office](#)  
[Review completed by Shaina Aguilar on 1/24/23](#)

**FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS**

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:  **Electronically Signed By: Casey Strickland** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/26/2023  
NEPA Compliance Officer

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager