U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Native Village of Karluk Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Location: Alaska Native Village of Karluk

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The proposed action would involve retaining the services of a technical consultant to assist the Tribe with developing a Tribal Energy Plan detailing energy efficiency and conservation. The technical consultant would oversee the services of energy auditors and the Tribal Energy Plan would include a summary of vision, mission, and goals, background information, energy conservation and efficiency recommendations, clean energy generation, recommendations on construction projects, transportation projects and other energy-related projects that are in alignment with energy efficiency and conservation plans. The Tribe would provide an estimated 30 hours of in-kind technical assistance to assist with baseline data collection, development of the Request for Proposals document, contract administration of the technical services contract, and review of work products.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Jane Summerson Date Determined: Dec 22, 2009

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=Energy Enterprise Solutions, ou, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2009.12.24 10:24:48 -05'00'

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