



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM
Project Title AK-TEP-COUNCIL OF ATHABASCAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS
Location: Tribal COUNCIL OF ATHABASCAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS AK

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) cost-share project entitled "District Wood Heating in Fort Yukon" has two distinct phases specifically focused on developing a district heating loop system in Fort Yukon, Alaska, that will include boiler and piping installation. The Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments proposes to use the cost-share funding in Phase 1 for system design, boiler permitting, negotiation of landowner agreements and donations, and preparation of the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for the Fort Yukon Wood Energy Project. The appropriate system size would be determined during Phase 1. All tasks in Phase 1 must be completed satisfactorily prior to moving to Phase 2, the system construction and installation phase.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, A11

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 10.21

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.

ORO NEPA Compliance Officer **Gary S. Hartman** Date Determined: 5/24/2010

Comments:

Webmaster: