



U.S. Department of Energy Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Project Title CA-TRIBE-TUOLUMNE BAND OF MEWUK INDIANS

Location: Tribe CA-TRIBE- CA
TUOLUMNE BAND
OF MEWUK
INDIANS

Proposed Action or Project Description

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act:

The Tuolumne Band of MeWuk Indians proposes to 1) perform energy audits and 2) establish a well-trained workforce to conduct audits on buildings located on tribal lands. A contract would be initiated with the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory (RAEL) of the University of California, Berkeley, to assist the tribe in conducting energy audits, analyzing data, and providing technical assistance. Equipment and supplies would also be purchased to assist staff members performing the audits. Staff members would receive SEI Grid, Pacific Energy Center, and Home Energy Rating Services (HERS) training (including tuition, certification, and travel costs associated with attending the training) conducted by the California Building Performance Contractors Association. RAEL staff would assist the tribe in conducting energy audits, training of staff, and assisting employees inputting data, preparing analysis, and compiling reports. Training would also be provided by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to community members in the appropriate manner to conduct energy efficient assessments.

Conditions: None

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied: A9, B5.1

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021

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:

6/11/2010



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