

**NEPA Determination for the
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Application submitted by the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of CA
Commercial and Residential Building Energy Audits**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants to states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. DOE's authorization for this program is set forth in Title V, Subtitle E, of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007. This CX determination is applicable to DOE elements reviewing and awarding formula-based and competitive grants under the EECBG Program, and includes, but is not limited to, EECBG Program activities under the purview of DOE-HQ Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE Golden Field Office, and the DOE Oak Ridge Office. Residential and commercial building energy audits would be conducted by various states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes.

The proposed action would involve conducting energy audits of tribal buildings and existing residences. The Tribe would work with local community leaders and local contractors to develop an implementation and incentives strategy and will literally go "door-to-door" providing audit and "whole house" energy efficiency improvement tips. A key component of this project is education and outreach to give residents and business leaders of the community a greater understanding of how important it is to reduce energy consumption. The project would work closely with the local utility, as appropriate, and Madera County Resource Management Agency to coordinate services, and educational opportunities for all eligible families. The project would promote the residential "whole house" and home performance via the Energy Star Program, throughout the service area.

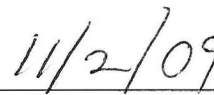
The application submitted and the technical review for this proposal do not reveal any extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, or to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211. The proposed development and implementation of energy audits funded by this grant would not result in an adverse effect to historic properties included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), would not impact sensitive resources [e.g., threatened and endangered (T/E) species, wetlands and floodplains].

A9, A11 and B5.1 are the applicable CXs that cover the proposed action in the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix A and B.

Based on my review of the above description, I have determined that the above actions are categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation. The DOE Contracting Officer Representative is responsible for oversight of the application of this determination.



Mary E. Martin, NNSA HQ NEPA Compliance Officer



Date