

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

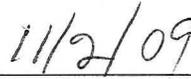
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants to states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) 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. Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities would be conducted by various states, U.S. territories, units of local government, and Indian tribes.

The proposed action would recruit, prepare, and train 5 qualified candidates to fill the growing market for renewable energy/green jobs in the Tribe and in the surrounding community. Through partnerships between local colleges, local contractors, and the Tribe; participants would be trained to support the Tribe's EECBG Project and participate in apprenticeship opportunities in other parts of the region. Training would include classroom instruction, team building, safety and workplace readiness, and ethics. Students would be trained in energy efficient equipment installation, construction management, energy efficiency, and energy audits. Environmental awareness training would help trainees fully understand how this kind of work can make a difference in the community and in the world. In the long run, the tribe's project would train local workers, certify home energy auditors and commercial inspectors, and provide active job placement services.

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 efficiency and conservation training programs 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]. **This determination is limited to the development of renewable energy training programs only. Subsequent activities involving implementation of renewable energy systems may not be conducted with EECBG funds without additional environmental review by DOE.**

A1, 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. Recommended retrofit activities would be limited to new windows, lighting, and installation of new programmable thermostats.

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.



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Mary E. Martin, NNSA HQ NEPA Compliance Officer

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