

**NEPA Determination for the
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
Application submitted by the Seneca Nation of NY
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 an energy audit of 2 Priority Government Buildings and 2 Priority Residentially Owned facilities: Based on the recommendation above, and coordination with tribal staff, priority 2 commercial and 2 government buildings will undergo energy audits. We will work with local service providers to audit commercial buildings under available programs. On the job training will provided to 1-2 tribal members to the Energy Audit process of 2 governmental buildings and 2 residentially owned facilities. Technical consultants will support the Tribes efforts, conduct energy audits and provide guidance in terms of job training for 1-2 tribal members.


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 energy efficiency and conservation audit activities 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 conducting energy audits only. Subsequent activities 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 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