U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Project Title: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Transportation Programs

Location: Michigan Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The proposed activity would involve production of biodiesel fuel to replace fossil fuel use in six Tribal diesel vehicles. As part of this activity the Tribe will construct a heated shed near the Natural Resources Department (NRD) offices to allow the production of biodiesel throughout the year, producing biodiesel, and conducting an evaluation on the effects of the program. The NRD Director and other workgroup members have met with Michigan Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) personnel who have experience producing biodiesel fuel. ITC has offered to come to LTBB to help set up the processor and train NRD staff to operate the system. ITC will provide technical assistance to help us produce our own biodiesel fuel successfully. ITC will cover the costs of set up, training and technical assistance. LTBB Odawa restaurants produce approximately 100 gallons of waste oil weekly. The NRD Director scheduled a meeting (July 2009) with LTBB Odawa Resort managers to develop a process to deliver the oil to the NRD location. Once the oil is delivered, NRD staff will contribute 15 hours per week to refine the oil, produce fuel and maintain the processing system. Tribal vehicles will begin utilizing this fuel immediately upon availability.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

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.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Jane Summerson Date Determined: Nov 10, 2009

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=Energy Enterprise Solutions, ou, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2009.11.25 12:26:58 -05'00'

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