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# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
## EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
## NEPA DETERMINATION

**RECIPIENT:** Metro Nashville & Davidson County **STATE:** TN

**PROJECT TITLE :** EECBG Program Nashville & Davidson Co., TN Building Retrofit & Miscellaneous (S)

| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
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**Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:**

**CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:**

Description:

**B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

**A9** Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, audits), data analysis (including computer modeling), document preparation (such as conceptual design or feasibility studies, analytical energy supply and demand studies), and dissemination (including, but not limited to, document mailings, publication, and distribution; and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring.

**A11** Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The following activities fall within the bounds of the signed SOW and therefore are categorically excluded under NEPA:

Activity #2 - Building Retrofit Program (with the exception of the sub-activity: conversion to geothermal heat at the Edgehill and Inglewood libraries and the Fire Station 26 conversion from propane to natural gas)
Activity #3 - Metro Green Services
Activity #5 - IECC Program
Activity #6 - Waste Reduction & Recycling
Activity #7 - Traffic Signals Program

The following sub-activity falls outside the bounds of the signed SOW, but qualify for a categorical exclusion under NEPA:

Conversion of the energy system in Fire Station 26 from propane to natural gas will allow the installation and use of more energy efficient HVAC system, water heaters and appliances for the Fire Station. This activity is categorically excluded under NEPA under B5.1 Actions to Conserve Energy.

Any projects submitted for EECBG funding that fall outside the bounds of the signed SOW, with the exception of the sub-activity: Conversion from Propane to Natural Gas above will require a separate NEPA determination review.

**NEPA PROVISION**

DOE has made a conditional NEPA determination for this award, and funding for certain tasks under this award is contingent upon the final NEPA determination.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are restricted from taking any action using federal funds, which would have an adverse affect on the environment or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives prior to DOE/NNSA providing either a NEPA clearance or a final NEPA decision regarding the project.

Prohibited actions include:
Installation of geothermal heat systems at Edgehill and Inglewood libraries (which will recieve a separate NEPA Determination review).
This restriction does not preclude you from:

If you move forward with activities that are not authorized for federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of the final NEPA decision, you are doing so at risk of not receiving federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 3/31/10
NEPA Compliance Officer

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**

☐ Field Office Manager review required

**NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:**

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

**BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :**

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager