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

RECIPIENT: Idaho Office of Energy Resources **STATE:** ID

PROJECT TITLE : SEP ARRA - REEZ Feasibility Studies

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	EE0000141	GFO-0000141-010	EE141

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:

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 Department of Energy (DOE) has granted federal funding to the Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER) under the DOE's State Energy Program, which was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. OER is proposing to pass SEP funds to various cities and counties in the state of Idaho for feasibility studies. These projects would be funded from the remaining funds in OER's Renewable Energy Enterprise Zones (REEZ) market title. OER has already funded numerous projects and feasibility studies under this market title. These studies would include: studying energy production from wood waste, municipal solid waste (MSW), and other biofuels/biomass production opportunities; studying energy production from activated sludge from sewage treatment plants; studying other renewable energy resources located in Idaho (wind, water, geothermal, and solar); and utilizing Amalgamated Sugar to turn waste streams into revenue using anaerobic digestion.

This studies funding under this market title are intended to give cities and counties broad latitude to develop creative approaches in establishing renewable energy enterprise zones. These zones could be located within the boundaries of a single local unit of government or it could cross multiple jurisdictional boundaries and would seek to address issues such as: zoning, right of way access, or needed technical/financial support for renewable energy projects.

All projects funded under the REEZ market title will be limited to paper studies, information gathering, document preparation, conceptual design work, technical advice, and planning. DOE has determined that such projects are categorically excluded from further NEPA review and are CX'd under A9 and A11. Should OER decide to use federal funding from DOE for implementation of any project studied or proposed in this market title, they must submit the project to DOE for an individual NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

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You are required to:

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Note to Specialist :

Prepared by Melissa Rossiter

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Steve Blazek Date: 8/3/2011

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