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

RECIPIENT: Louisiana Department of Natural Resources **STATE:** LA

PROJECT TITLE : State Energy Program (Formula Grant)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	NT43198	GFO-0043198-001	

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, analysis, and dissemination	Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)
A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations	Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $547,000 of federal funding to the State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. The DNR will match the federal funding with $109,400 in state funds. Additionally, the DNR will carry over $28,248 in Recovery Act SEP funds.

The DNR proposes to fund the following market titles:
Administration and Supervision:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would be used to administer and supervise the State Energy Program.

Revolving Loan Fund:
Under this Market Title, federal funding would continue to be used for a revolving loan fund that would finance cost-effective energy efficiency improvements in private, public, and commercial/industrial facilities. This Market Title has been previously CX'd from further NEPA review. Any projects funded under this Market Title that do not remain within the bounds of DNR's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering" and CX A11 "technical advice." Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:

Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Any projects funded under the Revolving Loan Fund that do not remain within the bounds of DNR's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding: $547,000
EF2a prepared by Melissa Ardis

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Lori Gray / Lori Gray Date: 8/30/2012
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