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

RECIPIENT: Florida Atlantic University

STATE: FL

PROJECT TITLE : National Open-ocean Energy Laboratory

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
2009/2010 CDP	DE-EE0000319	GFO-0000319-003	GO319

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.)

Rational for determination:

This NEPA review is being conducted for subtask 1.1.1, as outlined in the revised SOPO for Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) project. FAU has received Congressionally Directed Funding for this project and all tasks, but this subtask, have been determined to be consistent with DOE's categorical exclusions.

Subtask 1.1.1 was originally held until further information was available. FAU has revised subtask 1.1.1 to support regulatory and permitting activities. The original scope of this task involved using funding to develop FAU's proposed floating platform and barge. This activity is no longer being supported by this award and has been removed from the project scope.

Task description:

Subtask 1.1.1 – Regulatory, Permitting, and Licensing

Task 1.1.1 would include travel and staffing salaries needed to obtain the necessary leases, permits, environmental data collection, and permissions from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service to assist the regulatory process for their proposed small-scale ocean current test facilities.

Activities would include project research, information gathering, site visits, and information dissemination. These activities are consistent with DOE's categorical exclusion A9 (Information gathering, data analysis, document preparation, and information dissemination.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Review completed by Laura Margason on 6-20-2012

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Lori Gray / Lori Gray Date: 6/20/2012

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