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



RECIPIENT: University of Wisconsin-Madison

STATE: WI

PROJECT TITLE : Evaluation of Bioenergy Crop Production on Marginal Land in Wisconsin

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
	GO88073	GFO-09-046u	0

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.
- B3.1** Onsite and offsite site characterization and environmental monitoring, including siting, construction (or modification), operation, and dismantlement or closing (abandonment) of characterization and monitoring devices and siting, construction, and associated operation of a small-scale laboratory building or renovation of a room in an existing building for sample analysis. Activities covered include, but are not limited to, site characterization and environmental monitoring under CERCLA and RCRA. Specific activities include, but are not limited to:

Rational for determination:

The University of Wisconsin-Madison proposes to use federal funds to study bioenergy crops suited for marginal croplands. The university plans to study these crops as overall components of farm production systems through evaluations. The proposed research focuses on the production of bioenergy crops at scales ranging from individual farms to regions.

This project would include a combination of lab-based computer modeling and outdoor monitoring activities (data collection). All observations will be made in fields where project investigators already have established plots, in plots established by cooperating researchers, or in commercial fields where individual land owners have provided permission to make observations. In addition, the project would include the establishment of focus groups and conducting landowner surveys. CX A9 and B3.1 apply.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Eugene Brown 6-29-2010

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Kristin Kerwin
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 6/30/2010**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION**
 Field Office Manager review required