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

RECIPIENT: DOE Solar Energy Technology Program **STATE:** DC

PROJECT TITLE : Solar Energy Evolution and Diffusion Studies (SEEDS)

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000740		GFO-FOA0740-001	

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.)

Rational for determination:

This NEPA determination applies to the Solar Energy Evolution and Diffusion Studies (SEEDS) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) (GFO-FOA0740-001). The SEEDS program would be administered through DOE's SunShot Initiative.

The purpose of the SEEDS FOA is to launch a series of systematic investigations into the solar industry with the goal of improving the operations of solar researchers, manufacturers, developers, installers and policymakers. After issuing the FOA, DOE would select applications for negotiation of financial assistance. Selected research efforts would be conducted in conjunction with industry practitioners.

All of the activities that would be completed, using DOE and cost-share funding, under the financial assistance agreements would be administrative in nature including information gathering, data analysis and dissemination. CX A9 applies to all awards selected through the SEEDS FOA.

In the event that DOE selects an application that proposes activities not covered by this NEPA determination (i.e. activities that are not limited to information and data analysis - including laboratory-scale research) additional NEPA review will be completed prior to award.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

Cristina Tyler 6.19.2012

DOE Funding: Approximately $9 million to be expended over 3 years

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 6/19/2012
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