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



**RECIPIENT:** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Works, STATE: MP  
Energy Division

**PROJECT TITLE :** Supply and Installation of New Turbochargers as Retrofit Units for Diesel Engines #5 through 8 at Power Plant 1, Saipan, CNMI

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	DE-EE0000220	GFO-10-103	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:**

- B5.1** Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.
- B2.5** Safety and environmental improvements of a facility, including replacement and upgrade of facility components, that do not result in a significant change in the expected useful life, design capacity, or function of the facility and during which operations may be suspended and then resumed. Improvements may include, but are not limited to: Replacement/upgrade of control valves, in-core monitoring devices, facility air filtration systems, or substation transformers or capacitors; addition of structural bracing to meet earthquake standards and/or sustain high wind loading; and replacement of aboveground or belowground tanks and related piping if there is no evidence of leakage, based on testing that meets performance requirements in 40 CFR part 280, subpart D (40 CFR part 280.40). This includes activities taken under RCRA, subtitle I; 40 CFR part 265, subpart J; 40 CFR part 280, subparts B, C, and D; and other applicable state, Federal and local requirements for underground storage tanks. These actions do not include rebuilding or modifying substantial portions of a facility, such as replacing a reactor vessel.

**Rational for determination:**

A Portion of Northern Mariana Island's SEP funding will be used the upgrade of the turbochargers on Diesel Engines #5-8 found within Power Plant 1 on the island of Saipan. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has been operating Mitsubishi-MAN 40/54A and 52/55B Engines at its main power plant since 1986. The exhaust gas turbocharger models on these engines have been around for over 40 years and are now considered to be both inefficient and obsolete. The exhaust gas turbochargers decisively influence the performance of the diesel engines and in order to deliver optimum performance from these engines, the CNMI seeks retrofit them with higher-efficient models. Retrofitting existing engines with the latest turbo-charger technology is an effective method of extending the engine's useful life while also improving its performance, economics and environmental impact. This project seeks to replace 4 turbochargers found on Diesel Engines numbered 5, 6, 7 and 8. The projected diesel fuel savings are expected to be approximately 352,000 gallons per year.

This project comprises of upgrading components of an existing facility and conserving energy; therefore they are CX'd under B2.5 and B5.1.

**NEPA PROVISION**

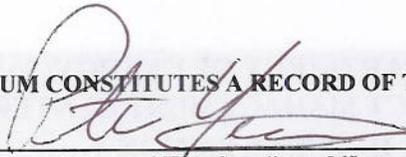
DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

**SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.**

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:   
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: Feb/8/10

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Office Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_