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

RECIPIENT: WA Dept. of Commerce **STATE:** WA

PROJECT TITLE : Cedar Grove Composting High Solids Anaerobic Digestion Permitting

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	EE0000139	GFO-0000139-036	EE139

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 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided funding to the Washington Department of Commerce (WDOC) under the DOE's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 State Energy Program (SEP). WDOC selected Cedar Grove Composting, Inc. (Cedar Grove) to receive $655,052 in SEP funding (total project cost - $19,378,610).

Cedar Grove is proposing to use federal funding for permitting costs (and associated legal fees), technology selection, feedstock commitments and contracts, preliminary engineering and design, site layout, and air emission modeling for its proposed 50,000 ton per year high solids Anaerobic Digester system at their current 26 acre composting facility at 3620 36th Pl NE, City of Everett, WA 98205.

Based on a review of the proposed activities, DOE has determined they will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the human environment and do not enable construction or operation of the proposed anaerobic digester facility. DOE has determined the activities meet the definition of DOE categorical exclusion A9 "information gathering" and B3.1 "environmental monitoring" and are categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding - $655,052
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By Kristin Kerwin Date: 3/23/2012
NEPA Compliance Officer

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