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



RECIPIENT: NREL

STATE: CO

PROJECT TITLE : STM Ingress/Egress Land Acquisition from JeffCo; NREL Tracking No. 12-008

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| Funding Opportunity Announcement Number | Procurement Instrument Number | NEPA Control Number | CID Number |
| | | NREL-12-008 | GO10337 |

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:

B1.24 Property transfers

Transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests in personal property (including, but not limited to, equipment and materials) or real property (including, but not limited to, permanent structures and land), provided that under reasonably foreseeable uses (1) there would be no potential for release of substances at a level, or in a form, that could pose a threat to public health or the environment and (2) the covered actions would not have the potential to cause a significant change in impacts from before the transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests.

Rational for determination:

This project would be for the conveyance of land at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) South Table Mountain (STM) Site in Golden, Colorado. Project would entail the transfer a parcel of land (0.2309 acres) to be conveyed from Jefferson County Open Space to the U.S. Department of Energy. The transfer is needed to enable the U.S. Department of Energy to maintain access to its NREL STM site while allowing Jefferson County to provide seamless road maintenance up to DOE property. A legal description of the property is attached. The parcel is adjacent to DOE's NREL STM site southern boundary.

Per the records review conducted as part of October 2010 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment by Smith Environmental, Inc., there are no known historic or current sources of hazardous substances on the subject property or adjacent area. Additionally, there are no records of any previous remedial activity or enforcement actions. The subject parcel has been vacant and undisturbed for several decades prior to recent NREL construction activity for the new south access road. Anticipated future use of this parcel by NREL would be for impervious surfaces and/or landscaping in support of ingress/egress upgrades. Based upon this information, there would be no potential for release of substances at a level, or in a form, that could pose a threat to public health or the environment.

Impacts of the build-out of this parcel for as a second full service road to the NREL STM site has been previously analyzed. The impact analysis, affected environment, and determinations of the following NEPA documents are hereby incorporated by reference:

- Site-Wide Environmental Assessment for the NREL South Table Mountain Complex (DOE/EA-1440) and its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)(July 2003)
- Final Supplement-II to the Final Site-Wide Environmental Assessment of NREL's STM Complex (DOE/EA 1440-S-II) and its FONSI (Nov 2009)
- Supplement Analysis to the Final supplement-II to the Final Site-Wide Environmental Assessment of NREL's STM Complex (July 2011)

The proposed actions would not have the potential to cause a significant change in impacts from before the transfer. Based upon the information above and the existing NEPA determinations, DOE finds that the proposed action does not present any extraordinary circumstances and all integral elements of 10 CFR 1021 Appendix B are met. Therefore the proposed action would qualify for Categorical Exclusion B1.24.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Lori Gray *Lori Gray* Date: 11/23/2011
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