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



RECIPIENT: Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

STATE: WI

PROJECT TITLE : Energy Applications from Agricultural and Cheese Production Feedstocks

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000052	EE0000163	GFO-0000163-035	EE163

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.

A11

Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

DOE is proposing to provide \$100,000 in SEP ARRA funding to the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence, sub-recipient Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (BTVK), to assess and develop a strategic plan for the use of feedstocks for energy generation. BTVK would analyze Wisconsin's local resources, including manure and cheese production waste (whey wastewater).

DOE funding would be used for information gathering, data analysis and document preparation. No equipment would be purchased nor would any construction or ground disturbance occur.

The final deliverable under this grant would be a Strategic Plan that outlines the path for using agricultural cheese production feedstocks for energy applications in Wisconsin. Based on this information, DOE has determined the work outlined is consistent with activities identified in categorical exclusion A9 (information gathering) and A11 (technical advice and assistance to organizations).

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

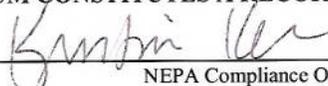
If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing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

Note to Specialist :

Cristina Tyler 11.16.2011

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:


NEPA Compliance Officer

Date:

11/17/2011