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

RECIPIENT: City of Atchison **STATE:** KS

PROJECT TITLE : EECBG DE-EE0000727 Atchison Library Ground Source Heat Pump

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE FOA 0000013			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.

Rational for determination:

The City of Atchison is proposing to use EECBG ARRA funding to install ground source heat pump system at the Atchison Library. The ground source heat pump system will be a vertical, closed loop system with a capacity of 36 tons. There will be 24 boreholes needed covering 9,000 square feet. The state certified and licensed driller will follow IGSHPA and NGWA regulations during installation. The system will use HDPE piping that is heat fused and all wells will be fully grouted with a thermally enhanced bentonite grout. The refrigerant used in the system will be potable water. The site will be re-seeded with grass of the same variety already existing on site. The site will be registered with the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Water/Geology Section.

The geothermal well field portion of the installation will be directly adjacent to the Atchison Public Library. The area next to the building is open, mowed grass lawns with some portions of the area being previously disturbed. The library is set at the edge of the highly developed, urban, downtown area. There are not expected to be any adverse effects to threatened and endangered species, wetlands, floodplains, or cultural resources as a result of the proposed project.

After a thorough review of the information submitted for the proposed project, it has been determined that the actions involved will not have a significant impact to human health and /or the environment. The proposed project will result in a reduction in the use of conventional fossil fuels; therefore it is hereby Categorically Excluded B5.1 "actions to conserve energy," from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement any of the above activities, the City of Atchison has the affirmative responsibility to ensure they are in compliance with Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), consistent with DOE's 2009 letter of delegation of authority regarding the NHPA. If applicable, the sub-recipient must contact the State Historic Preservation Officer.

The recipient is required to obtain the necessary permits regarding all actions involved with the proposed project.

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 9/7/10
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