



Award Number: PIR-10-002

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Note: The Energy Commission Contract Manual includes detailed instructions on how to complete this section, with examples of contracts that are “Projects” and are not “Projects”. When the Project Manager is completing this section, if questions arise as to the appropriate answers to the questions below, please consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to review grants for your division.

1. Is grant considered a “Project” under CEQA? Yes (skip to question #2) No (continue with question #1)

Please complete the following: *[Public Resources Code (PRC) 21065 and 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) 15378]:*

Explain why the grant is **not** considered a “Project”? The grant will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment because grant involves:

2. If grant is considered a “Project” under CEQA: (choose either **IS** or **IS NOT**)

Grant **IS** exempt:

Statutory Exemption: (List PRC and/or CCR section numbers) _____

Categorical Exemption: (List CCR section number) 14 CCR 15306

Common Sense Exemption. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3))

Explain reason why the grant is exempt under the above section:

Class 6 - Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities that do not result in major disturbances to an environmental resource.

Please attach draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). Consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division for instructions on how to complete the NOE.

Grant **IS NOT** exempt. The Project Manager needs to consult with the Energy Commission attorney assigned to your division and the Siting Office regarding a possible initial study.