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OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

DOE's Tribal Energy Program



FY2012 Peer Review

April 24-25, 2012

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Peer Review Agenda



Solar Installation on Navajo Nation



PEER REVIEW AGENDA

Tuesday April 24th

9:00 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks	Younes Masiky
9:15 a.m.	Introductions	All
9:30 a.m.	Agenda, Purpose and Scope	Lizana Pierce
10:00 a.m.	Program Overview and Program Management	Younes Masiky
10:45 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Financial Assistance and Project Management	Lizana Pierce
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Technical Assistance Overview	Lizana Pierce
1:45 p.m.	National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)	Roger Taylor
2:30 p.m.	Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)	Sandra Begay-Campbell



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3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Information and Education Overview	Lizana Pierce
3:30 p.m.	Information Resources	Lizana Pierce
3:45 p.m.	Training	Roger Taylor
4:15 p.m.	Student Internship Program	Sandra Begay-Campbell Chelsea Chee
4:45 p.m.	Program Re-focus	Younes Masiky
5:00 p.m.	Panel Q&As	All
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn	



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Wednesday April 25th

8:30 a.m.	Panel Q&As	All
9:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion/Rating	Review Panel Only
11:00 a.m.	Panel Feedback	All
12:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Younes Masiky
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn	



Peer Review Purpose and Scope



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PEER REVIEW

A critical, formal and documented evaluation process using objective merit review criteria and qualified and independent reviewers to make a judgment of the technical/scientific /business merit, the actual or anticipated results, and the productivity and management effectiveness of programs and/or projects.

Powerful and effective tool for enhancing the management, relevance, effectiveness and productivity of all EERE research, development, demonstration, and deployment and supporting business management.



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Purpose

The primary purpose is to provide information that assists program managers and staff to improve program performance.

The Goal of the Peer Review is to:

- 1) Improve decision-making and program leadership;
- 2) Improve productivity and management;
- 3) Encourage stakeholders to learn about the Program and projects; and
- 4) Provide public accountability for the use of public funds.



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Scope

The scope of the Peer Review covers activities since the inception of the Program in 2002 with emphasis of activities since the last peer review (March 2006).

Per policy, EERE programs required to conduct peer reviews, as recommended by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).



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Process

- ✓ Program presentations and discussion;
- ✓ Capture comments and observations during the review (Recorder);
- ✓ Individual observations and comments (written);
- ✓ Assign consensus rating to each criterion (consensus rating);
- ✓ Generate consensus comments (written);
- ✓ Provide verbal feedback to Program;
- ✓ Provide written individual and consensus review results; and
- ✓ Review and comment on the final peer review report (post review).



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Panel Products

- ✓ Individual Review Sheets
- ✓ Consensus Ratings and Comments

Criteria

- 1) The appropriateness of the scope and objectives relative to available resources;
- 2) Effectiveness in meeting the stated goals within available resources;
- 3) Adequacy of reaching the intended audience; and
- 4) Quality of the competitive process.



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Rating Scale

- 5 **Superior:** The Program effectively achieved all stated goals and objectives. There were no practical ways identified to improve the Program.
- 4 **Good:** The Program comprehensively addressed the stated goals and objectives with minor areas identified for improvement.
- 3 **Satisfactory:** The Program adequately met the stated goals and objectives with some areas identified for improvement.
- 2 **Marginal:** The Program minimally addressed the goals and objectives and contained major areas in need of improvement.
- 1 **Unsatisfactory:** The Program failed to meet the stated goals and objectives and had significant areas of weaknesses requiring improvements.



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Materials

Materials for review by the panel consist of:

- 1) Peer Review Plan
- 2) Rating Sheets
- 3) Presentation Material

Additional informational materials:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Tribal Energy Program Brochure
- 3) Student Intern Paper
- 4) Mescalero Apache Strategic Energy Plan

Available Upon Request:

- 1) Previous Peer Review & Strategic Planning Reports
(posted on website)
- 2) Annual Operating Plans



Questions



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