



LAC-IEE-04-44

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location:	Central America (Regional)
Activity Title:	Advancing Development Cooperation Opportunities in the Hemisphere (ADCOH): Response to prevent trafficking in persons (TIP) in Central America
Activity Number:	598-021
Funding:	\$1,200,000
Life of Activity:	2004-2006
IEE Prepared by:	Ingrid Sanchinelli, USAID/G-CAP
Recommended Threshold Decision:	Categorical Exclusion/Negative Determination with conditions
Bureau Threshold Decision:	Concur with Recommendation

Comments:

Technical assistance to organizations to scale up the response to trafficking in persons (TIP) in Central America and Mexico, described in detail in the attached IEE, does not effect the physical environment. Pursuant to 22 CFR part 216.2 (c)(2)(i), a **Categorical Exclusion** is issued for all activities of this program, except any refurbishing or renovation of facilities.

For any refurbishing or renovation, a **Negative Determination with Conditions** is issued.

- The first condition is that the existing buildings to be improved at a given site are no more that 10,000 square feet, and that refurbishment and renovation does not include demolition and reconstruction. As such, since new construction is not involved and the size of the program at any given site is also very small, it will not have a significant impact on the environment.

- The second condition is that the MEO will certify before contracting for the work, that the building to be improved does not require that a hazardous substance (e.g. asbestos) be removed.

If, during the life of this SO, any activities are planned which do not meet these conditions, a supplemental IEE will be prepared and approved by the BEO prior to implementation.

CTOs are responsible for making sure environmental requirements are met. It is the responsibility of the SO Team to ensure that the SOAG and MAARDs contain specific instructions to this effect.

Date _____
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