



LAC-IEE-04-52

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Strategic Objective Location: Bolivia

Activity Title: Extensión of Centro de Promoción de Tecnologías Sostenibles (CPTS), Improved environmental management of urban and industrial pollution.

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Life Of Activity: Twelve Months Extension (Through FY 2005)

IEE Drafted By: Ricardo Roca, CPTS CTO, USAID/BOLIVIA

Bureau Threshold Decision: Concur with Recommendation

Comments:

Per 22 CFR Section 216.2(c)(1)(i) and 216.2(c)(2)(i), (iii) and (v) of AID's Environmental Procedures, the activities described in the attached IEE are all technical assistance, studies or information transfer activities which not only do not negatively effect the environment, but in many case promote improving the environment. They therefore qualify for and are hereby issued a **Categorical Exclusion**.

Date
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**SUPPLEMENTAL IEE
REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

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DATE: June 16, 2004

I. Recommended Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion

II. Activity Description:

CPTS activities were covered under LAC-IEE-00-47 categorical exclusion through FY 2004. The proposed extension is to carry out the same activities in the Chapare, Yungas and Northern Bolivia, through FY 2005 with an additional \$0.6 million.

The Centro de Promoción de Tecnologías Sostenibles (CPTS), a Bolivian NGO, receives financing from USAID/Bolivia Environment Program, in order to promote the practice of cleaner production (CP) and to create a market for CP services in Bolivia. CPTS works under the auspices of the Cámara Nacional de Industrias (CNI), and in partnership with PA Consulting (PA), a US based firm. CPTS was created in 1998 to address cleaner production within the industrial and service sectors, including agro-industries, hospitals, hotels and other sources of urban pollution in Bolivia.

Since October 2002, and with USAID support, CPTS has provided assistance to a dozens of selected Bolivian businesses, helping them to introduce practices of cleaner production. CPTS is

currently providing CP assistance to about 30 productive activities in the Chapare and the Yungas regions, financed by the Alternative Development Program (AD). These regions, whose productive activities range from processing coffee, tea, milk, honey and banana products to hotels and promotion of tourism, were selected since they are undergoing a rapid process of urbanization and industrialization, being important to address environmental aspects before they become an issue. CPTS has conducted several assessments and training courses, participated in policy dialogues and assisted in developing financial schemes and mechanisms for financing cleaner production projects. Some of the accomplishments during the last four years, include: 25 cleaner production assessments; 3 social accountability assessments; 8 cleaner production follow-up assessments; 6 case studies; 1 cleaner production technical guide for tanneries, approved by the Bolivian Government as an official document for technical consultation; conducted several demonstrative projects in tanneries and slaughterhouses, as well as training courses with over 200 professionals attending these courses.

USAID will fund CPTS to address and deepen cleaner production (CP) practices in Bolivia. CP is defined as “the use of processes, practices or products that allow the efficient use of energy and water as well as chemicals and other raw materials to reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants at the source, protecting at the same time, health and natural resources.” CPTS will continue to work with small and medium-sized firms in Bolivia, and will expand its work to include industries in Trinidad, Riberalta and Cobija (mainly wildlife skin tanneries and Brazil nut processing plants).

The main objectives of the activities outlined in the scope of work are:

1. To provide technical basis for the mentioned industries in Trinidad, Riberalta and Cobija, in order to implement cleaner production practices (i.e. by optimizing productive operations based on pollution prevention and energy efficiency practices, including the means to diversify sources of energy);
2. To conduct cleaner production follow-up assessments mainly in the Chapare and the Yungas areas;
3. To elaborate case studies of the industries in the Chapare and the Yungas areas, as well as to deepen the content of already existing case studies based on new follow-up assessments.

III. Justification for Environmental Determination:

A categorical exclusion, 22 CFR 216.2 (c) (2), is recommended for the provision of technical assistance and institutional support in strategic planning, institutional development, research, and monitoring.

The activities that qualify for a categorical Exclusion under 22 CFR; 216.2(c)(2) include:

- (i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such training programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.)
- (iii) Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings;
- (xv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.)

IV. Recommendation:

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the LAC Bureau Environmental Officer approve a Categorical Exclusion for the extension of CPTS activities.

Approval:

Victor Bullen
Mission Environmental Officer

Date

Concurrence:

Edward Landau
Acting Director USAID/Bolivia

Date

Clearances:

Victor Bullen, REA (draft)