



LAC-IEE-04-47

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location:	Bolivia
Activity Title:	Improved Health Status of Bolivians
Activity Number:	511-XXX (follow-on to 511-003)
Funding:	\$47,020,000 (\$40,520,000 in CSD and \$6,500,000 in ACI)
Life of Activity:	2005-2009
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Recommended Threshold Decision:	Categorical Exclusion/Negative Determination with conditions
Bureau Threshold Decision:	Concur with Recommendation

Comments:

When weighed against the criteria of 22 CFR Section 216.2(c)(1)(i) and 216.2(c)(2)(i), (iii) and (v) of AID's Environmental Procedures, the IR3 illustrative activities described in the attached IEE and a number of the IR1 and IR2 illustrative activities qualify for a **Categorical Exclusion**.

As recognized in the IEE, some IR1 and IR2 illustrative activities represent areas of potential environmental impact. These activities include: small-scale water supply and sanitation systems; housing improvements; activities which could result in the disposal of medical waste; and construction and remodeling of health facilities. For these activities, a **Negative Determination with conditions** is issued. The conditions are those laid out on pages 5-6 of the attached IEE, as well as the additional condition that before remodeling and improvement of houses or health facilities is carried out, the CTO in collaboration with the MEO ensures that the subject building does not require that a hazardous substance (e.g. asbestos) be removed.

In addition, the Mission Environmental Officer (MEO) will conduct spot checks to ensure that all activities are implemented in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner in full accordance with all salient Agency and USG policies and regulations.

In the event that the magnitude of a particular water or sanitation system or construction activity could be classified as not small-scale, or could affect downstream environments negatively, a Supplemental IEE will be prepared to determine if an Environmental Assessment is required. Likewise, if any additional activities are planned during the life of this SO which are not listed above or which do not meet the conditions laid out in the attached IEE, a supplemental IEE will be prepared and will be signed 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.

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