



LAC-IEE-04-33

## ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

**Project Location:** Haiti

**Project Title:** Education 2004 (ED 2004)

**Project Number:** 521-0259

**Funding:** \$39,535,000

**Life of Project:** FY 1996 - FY 2006

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**Reference:** LAC-IEE-96-38

**Recommended Threshold Decision:** Categorical exclusion/Negative determination with conditions

**Bureau Threshold Decision:** Concur with Recommendation

### Comments:

Under most circumstances the components of this program are basically training, counseling and technical assistance, thus, would have no negative impact on the physical environment or pose any significant risk on the welfare of the surrounding community as well as non-target organisms. However for IR 1, the school rehabilitation component, significant impact is possible unless the guidelines in the attached IEE and the Environmental Guidelines for Development Activities in LAC are carefully followed.

Therefore, per 22CFR216.2(c)(1)(i)&(ii), a **Categorical Exclusion** is issued for activities such as training, public information, operational research, monitoring, education and counseling which will have no direct effect on the environment, and thus fall under the class of actions eligible for a categorical exclusion.

Furthermore, a **Negative Determination with conditions** is issued for activities involving the construction/rehabilitation of schools. The conditions are that all best management practices, mitigative measures, and guidelines recommended in the attached IEE and the Environmental Guidelines for Development Activities in LAC, will be carefully followed by the implementing agent.

Also, CTOs are responsible for making sure environmental requirements are met, especially the conditions set in the IEE. It is the responsibility of the SO Team to ensure that the SOAG and MAARDs for contracts and grants contain specific instructions to this effect.

The Mission Environmental Officer (MEO) will conduct spot checks to ensure that conditions in the IEE and this ETD are met and 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.

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Attachment: IEE

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{IEE to be attached later}