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Explanatory Note for USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Report
February 1, 2010

The Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture (ARS) report submitted in May 2009 did not report any projects or funds available. ARS was waiting for the Office of Management and Budget to approve the list of critically deferred maintenance projects. ARS received approval to proceed in late June 2009 and the NEPA reviews for 38 projects and activities were initiated. Reviews of 37 of these projects were completed in July 2009.

On December 15, 2009, ARS completed the remaining review when a categorical exclusion was completed. The final project completed was the replacement of boilers and the electrical and steam distribution system serving campus research facilities in Beltsville, Maryland (ARS Spreadsheet, page 2, row 9).

Since the last reporting period, an additional $5,222,242 of funds has been made available, increasing the total obligations by ARS for ARRA projects to over $13 million.

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