

Instructions for Preparing Request for Environmental Information

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) is required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to independently assess the expected environmental impacts of proposed projects potentially eligible for loan funds under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. It is important that the information provided in or with the Request for Environmental Information form (“Form”) be in sufficient detail to permit the Division to perform its evaluation. Failure to provide sufficient data will delay agency review and a decision on the processing of your loan application. These requirements are included in the regulations adopted by the State Environmental Commission (NAC 445A.6751 to NAC 445A.67644, inclusive).

This information request by the Division is part of the Letter of Intent required by NAC 445A.67578 of the regulations and is designed to obtain an understanding of the present environmental condition of the project area and the elements of the project that will affect the environment. If the information has already been submitted for review and determination through another federal or state environmental review process, you should make sure that an accurate reference to that process is provided. Also, please include the documents which support a final determination in that process. If you determine that an item does not need to be addressed for your project, explain the reasons for your determination.

It is important to understand the comprehensive nature of the information requested. Information must be provided for the site(s) where the project facilities will be constructed and the surrounding areas to be directly and indirectly affected by its operation. The amount of detail should be at the same level with the complexity and size of the project and the magnitude of the expected impact. Some examples:

A small water storage tank project on a developed site may not require detailed information on air emissions, meteorological conditions and wetlands.

A water treatment plant, a well on an undeveloped site, or a pipeline crossing undisturbed terrain may require detailed information.

Item 1a

If an environmental determination such as a Categorical Exclusion, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or other final determination has already been made on the project by another agency, provide copies of the information related to the finding, such as the Environmental Assessment (EA), and the name of the agency that made the determination. While it is not the intent of the Division to duplicate an environmental review process that has already been completed for a project, it is essential that the Division have a complete understanding of the environmental review process that was utilized.

Item 1b

If an Environmental Assessment has **not** been completed, provide your response to the following items in the order listed and attach documents.

**Category Exclusion
Environmental Information**

Project Name:

Applicant Organization Name:

Preparer's Name and Title:

Project Location Description (*street address/city/state/ZIP code; site characteristics*)

Project Description (*summary of project scope and project components*)

III.A. Categorical Exclusion Eligibility (Check YES or NO) Complete the following questions in their entirety to determine if the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Additionally, supporting statements and documentation must be included in Attachment 1.

NAC 445A.744 (2) (a,b,c)(1,2,3)

Question 1a: If yes to any, proceed to Question 1b.	Does the project involve actions relating to existing infrastructure systems (e.g., sewer systems; drinking water supply systems; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) and involve:		
	YES	NO	
			Rehabilitation of existing facilities
			Replacement of equipment or the construction of a new ancillary facility adjacent or appurtenant to an existing facility and not affecting the degree of treatment or capacity of that facility. These actions include, without limitations: Infiltration and inflow corrections. Replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures. Construction of small structures on existing sites.
			Is this action in a sewerered community which is for minor upgrading or minor expansion of existing treatment works?
			Is this action in an unsewered community where on-site technologies are proposed?
Question 1b: If yes to any, STOP. CATEX does not apply.	Will the project include actions that:		
	YES	NO	
			Involve or create new or relocated discharges to surface or groundwaters?
			Will likely result in the substantial increase in the volume or the loading of pollutant from an existing source or from new facilities to receive waters?
			Is the action known or expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, whether individually, cumulatively over time or in conjunction with other federal, state, local or private actions?
			Is the action known or expected to affect directly or indirectly cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, aquifer recharge zones or other resource areas?
		Is the action known or expected not to be cost-effective or to cause significant public controversy?	

Attach the Following Documentation:

- U.S. Geological Survey “15 minute” (“7 ½ minute” if available) topographic map which clearly delineates the area and the location of the project elements;

- The Federal Emergency Management Administration’s floodplain map(s) for the project area, if available.

The following link will allow you to create a map from the address/ location of the project to download and attach

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

- Wetlands- Use the following link to create a map of the project location, download and attach

<https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/>

- Site photos of proposed project site and photos taken from the project site looking out to the north, south, east and west

- If available, an aerial photograph of the site.

Provide any available data on the water quality of the surface or ground water in or near the project area.

-Attach data if applicable

General Information:

Area Description:

Describe the size, terrain, and present land uses as well as the adjacent land uses of the areas to be affected (to include geological features, surface characteristics, faults, slopes, etc.). These areas include the site(s) of the construction or project activities, staging areas, and other areas affected by the construction.

Answer the following section with yes or no and explain the reasoning to the following environmental questions:

Floodplain

Will the project be constructed in a 100-year floodplain?

-use the FEMA floodplain to answer

-<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

Wetlands

Is the project located in or near a wetland?

-<https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/>

Describe the work that will be done in or near the wetland and efforts to protect the wetland during construction, below.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Does the planning area contain a designated or proposed wild scenic river?

Water Quality & Quantity (Surface / Groundwater)

YES	NO	
		Is there a substantial risk that the proposed discharge will not meet existing stream standards or will not be of sufficient quality to protect designated stream uses?
		Will construction of the project & development to be served by the project result in nonpoint source water quality problems (e.g., sedimentation, urban runoff)?
		Will water rights be adversely affected by the project?
		Will stream habitat be affected as a result of the change in flow or stream bank modification?
		Have the wasteload allocation calculations been performed?
		Will the project adversely affect the quantity or quality of a groundwater resource?
		Are there additional cost-effective water conservation measures that could be adopted by the community to reduce sewage generation?

Waste Stream

Will the project generate a waste stream?

If yes, explain how the waste stream is disposed?

<u>Land Application</u>		
YES	NO	
		Will the project require additional water rights or impact existing water rights?
		Has a new or unproven technique been selected, describe below?
<u>Land Use</u> Will inhabited areas be adversely impacted by the project site? Will the project contribute to changes in land use?		
<u>Noise</u> Describe the major sources of noise associated with the project facilities during and after construction and indicate the land uses affected by this noise.		
Historic/ Archeological Properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any known historic/ archeological resources within the project area that are either listed on the National Register of Historic Places or are considered to be of local and state significance and perhaps are eligible for listing in the National Register. The following link will allow the location of the project to be entered to generate registered sites. https://www.nps.gov/maps/full.html?mapId=7ad17cc9-b808-4ff8-a2f9-a99909164466 Attach any historical/ archeological surveys that may have been conducted for the project area. 		
Are there any historic/ archeological properties located in or near the project area? List any registered properties below.		

Wildlife and Endangered Species

Indicate whether, to your knowledge, any endangered or threatened species or crucial habitat has been identified in the project area or its immediate vicinity.

Construction

Describe the methods which will be employed to reduce adverse impacts from construction, such as noise, soil erosion, and siltation.

Toxic Substances

Is any toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances going to be utilized or produced by the project facilities? Describe the manner in which these substances will be stored, used and disposed of.

Public Reaction

Describe any public outreach for the project and any objections which have been made to the project.
-Examples: media, website, mail flyer, etc.

Alternatives to the Project

Provide a description of the alternatives, including the “No Action” alternative, considered for the project. Identify which reasonable alternative was selected and why.

Mitigation Measures

Describe any measures that will be taken to avoid or mitigate any adverse environmental impacts with the project during or after construction.

Tribal Lands

Is the project on, near, or pass through Tribal Lands?

If yes, list the tribal entity and describe any mitigation efforts or agreements concerning the project.

Permits

Identify any permits and their status which are required for the project.

Identify any inter-jurisdictional agreements that have been signed.

Other Federal Actions

Identify other Federal programs or actions, which are either related to this project or are located in the same geographical area as the project for which you are filing application, have recently received approval, or are in the planning stages.

<u>Air Quality</u>		
YES	NO	
		Are there any direct air emissions from the project (e.g., sludge incinerator) which do not meet federal & state emissions standards contained in the State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP)?
		Does the project conform to the requirements of SIP?
		Will the facilities create an odor nuisance problem?
Any additional information or clarification can be added below		

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