



Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program

Environmental Compliance Advanced Training

For the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI)



Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Learning Objectives

- Become familiar with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementation process as well as RFSI Grant Program documentation requirements.
- Understand the RFSI grant application screening process required to achieve environmental compliance under NEPA as well as applicable Federal laws and regulations.
- Clearly identify USDA AMS, State/Territory, and applicant responsibilities in the RFSI Grant Program environmental screening process.
- Identify desktop tools available to facilitate site-specific environmental evaluation of RFSI Grant Program applications.

NEPA Documentation Review

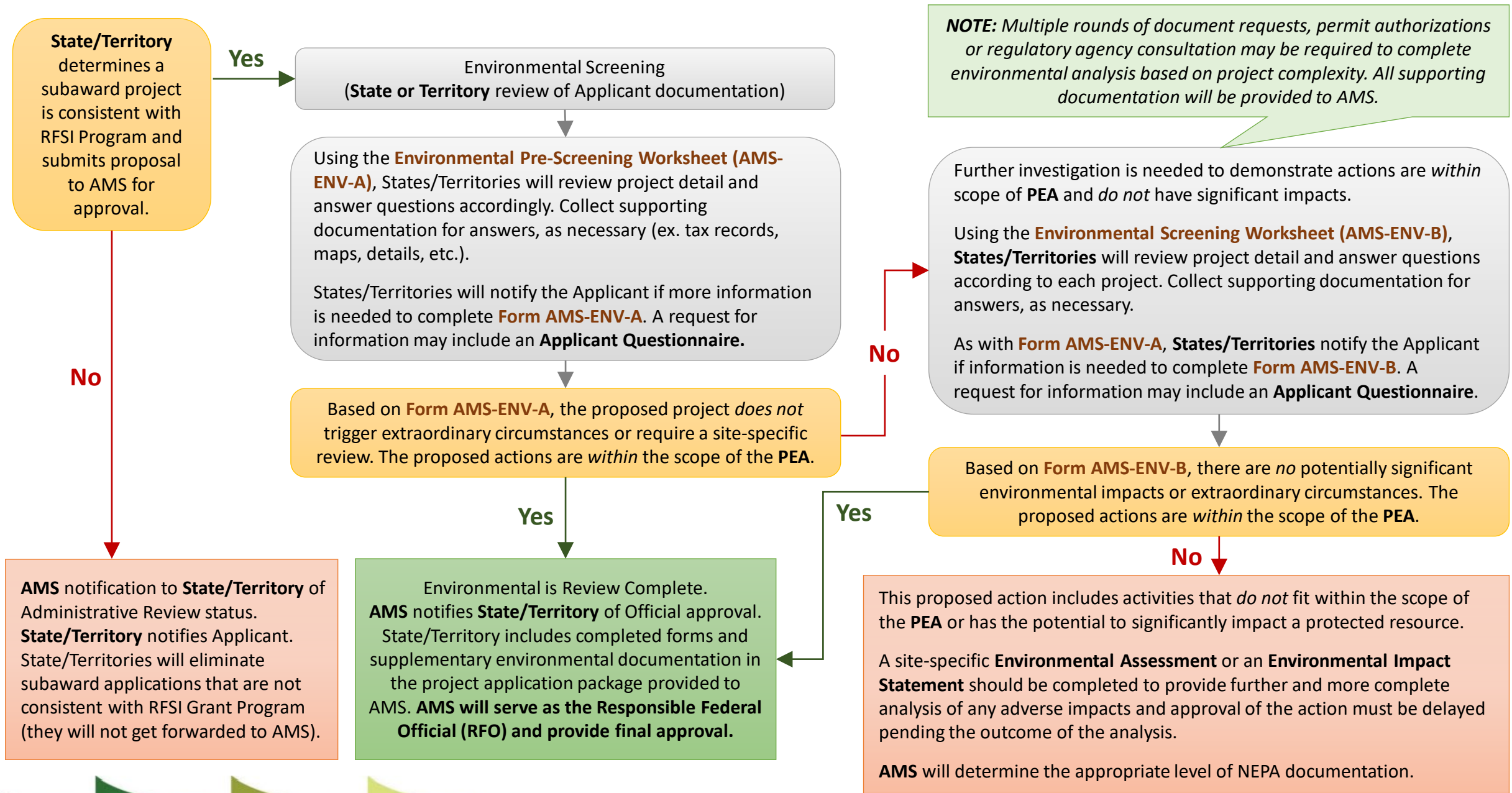
- **CATEX** – Categorical Exclusion (40 CFR Part 1501.4)
- **EA** – Environmental Assessment (40 CFR Part 1501.5)
- **FONSI** – Finding of No Significant Impact (40 CFR Part 1501.6)
- **PEA** – Programmatic Environmental Assessment (45 CFR Part 900.207)
- **EIS** – Environmental Impact Statement (40 CFR Part 1505.2)
- **ROD** – Record of Decision (40 CFR Part 1505.2)

USDA NEPA
Implementing
Procedures are
under development;
CATEX cannot be
utilized at this
time.



RFSI Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) Scope

- Each grant application will be evaluated to determine if its potential environmental impacts have been addressed in the PEA.
- Section 3.2 (*Resources Considered with Detailed Analysis*) finds no significant adverse impacts to the following environmental resource areas:
 - Water Quality
 - Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
 - Climate Change
- As per Section 3.1 (*Resources Eliminated from Detailed Analysis*), the PEA did not fully consider the following resources for further review at the programmatic level:
 - Vegetation and Wildlife
 - Cultural resources
 - Coastal Barrier Resource and Coastal Zones
 - Wild and Scenic Rivers and Nationwide Rivers Inventory
 - Wilderness Areas and National Natural Landmarks
 - Floodplains and Wetlands
 - Soils and Other Important Land Resources
 - Air Quality
 - Noise



NOTE: Multiple rounds of document requests, permit authorizations or regulatory agency consultation may be required to complete environmental analysis based on project complexity. All supporting documentation will be provided to AMS.

Further investigation is needed to demonstrate actions are *within* scope of PEA and *do not* have significant impacts.

Using the **Environmental Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-B)**, **States/Territories** will review project detail and answer questions according to each project. Collect supporting documentation for answers, as necessary.

As with **Form AMS-ENV-A**, **States/Territories** notify the Applicant if information is needed to complete **Form AMS-ENV-B**. A request for information may include an **Applicant Questionnaire**.

AMS notification to **State/Territory** of Administrative Review status. **State/Territory** notifies Applicant. State/Territories will eliminate subaward applications that are not consistent with RFSI Grant Program (they will not get forwarded to AMS).

Environmental is Review Complete. **AMS** notifies **State/Territory** of Official approval. State/Territory includes completed forms and supplementary environmental documentation in the project application package provided to AMS. **AMS will serve as the Responsible Federal Official (RFO) and provide final approval.**

This proposed action includes activities that *do not* fit within the scope of the PEA or has the potential to significantly impact a protected resource.

A site-specific **Environmental Assessment** or an **Environmental Impact Statement** should be completed to provide further and more complete analysis of any adverse impacts and approval of the action must be delayed pending the outcome of the analysis.

AMS will determine the appropriate level of NEPA documentation.

Roles and Responsibilities	USDA AMS	States and Territories	Applicants
Complete an Applicant Environmental Questionnaire, when requested, to provide project details.			X
Complete an Environmental Pre-Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-A) up to Section 6, for the project. Include any supporting documentation.		X	
Complete an Environmental Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-B) up to Section 8, for the project, if necessary. Include any supporting documentation.		X	
Request any additional information from the applicant, if necessary to complete an environmental screening.		X	
Obtain all necessary permits and authorizations (i.e., NHPA Section 106 and ESA Section 7 determinations, Clean Water Act permits, Clean Air Act permits, etc.) identified through the completion of AMS-ENV-B with support from State environmental agencies and USDA AMS.	X	X	X
Approve AMS-ENV-A and AMS-ENV-B, determine the appropriate level of environmental review necessary to comply with NEPA, and provide written notification of authorization to proceed.	X		

Applicant Environmental Questionnaire

To facilitate the environmental review of project applications, States/Territories may ask **applicants to complete a brief questionnaire** to inform any potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project.

SURFACE WATERS		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
1	Will any surface water resource (including wetlands, streams, ponds, or drainage features) be disturbed, diverted, or otherwise impacted during construction or after project completion?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SOILS AND LAND RESOURCES – GROUND DISTURBANCE		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
2	Will the project involve any ground or soil disturbance? ex. excavation/bulldozing of soil			
2a	If yes to 2 above, is the area of ground disturbance known to contain contaminated soils?			
2b	If yes to 2 above, will the project install, remove, or replace any underground storage tanks?			
2c	If yes to 2 above, has this soil been previously disturbed/alterd/excavated?			
VEGETATION		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
3	Will the project remove or alter existing vegetation or trees at the site? If yes, please provide detail on the kind and amount (ac./sq.ft.) of vegetation that will be removed in the box on page 3.			
CULTURAL RESOURCES (HISTORIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL, TRIBAL)		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
4	Will the project be located in/on a building that is more than 50 years old? <i>*local tax records usually indicate the date or year a building was constructed. If you are unsure of a building's age, please check with your assessor's office</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	Will the project be located within sight of a building that is more than 50 years old?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WATER QUALITY		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
6	Will wastewater (e.g., sanitary sewage, non-contact cooling water, slurries, dewatering, etc.) be generated during the project and/or after the project is complete for release offsite?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	Is the project facility connected to a municipal wastewater system? If not, describe the on-site system and capacity in the box on page 3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	Is the project facility connected to a municipal water supply system? If not, describe the on-site system and capacity in the box on page 3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	Will National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) or Clean Water Act Permits be required or currently applicable?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SOCIOECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
10	Does the project have the potential to negatively impact the human health or environment of disadvantaged populations, low-income populations, and/or Indian tribes and Indigenous communities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Applicant Environmental Questionnaire (cont.)

AIR QUALITY/CLIMATE CHANGE		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
11	Will air emission-generating equipment be installed or replaced (generators, boilers, fuel burning equipment, or refrigerant containing equipment, etc.)? If so, provide details or specifications in the box on page 3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	Will the project cause any known increase in air pollutants (carbon dioxide, greenhouse gases) during project upgrades or operation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
13	Will the project result in the disturbance of lead- or asbestos-containing materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14	Will the project result in the use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15	Will the project involve pesticide application (e.g., herbicide or insecticide)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16	Will the project remove, install, or utilize an aboveground or underground oil or petroleum storage container that is equal to or greater than 55 gallons (e.g., fixed or portable storage tanks, drums, base tanks for emergency generators, cooking oil containers, or hydraulic reservoirs)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LAND USE AND UTILITIES		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
17	Will the project result in an increase in utility use (e.g., natural gas, electricity, water, sewer)? Provide any applicable capacity information or specifications in the box on page 3.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18	Will the project result in a change in activities, land use, or zoning occurring at the site or facility?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19	Will the project cause long-term noise impacts to the area or impacts outside of the allowable times as regulated by local ordinances?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20	Would the project alter or obstruct views or aesthetics in the immediate vicinity of the site?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Environmental Screening Forms

- Environmental Pre-Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-A)
 - Used to assess projects for their adherence with the limited, programmatic-level analysis within the PEA and determine the level of environmental review necessary.
- Environmental Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-B)
 - Used to determine the potential for impacts not documented in the PEA and identify the level of additional environmental review required, if any.
 - Section 3.1 of the PEA lists the resources that were eliminated from detailed analysis, including those that require a site-specific environmental review using Worksheet AMS-ENV-B.

Environmental Pre-Screening Procedures (AMS-ENV-A)

- AMS-ENV-A serves as NEPA documentation for projects that fit within the scope of the PEA.
- Section 2 identifies extraordinary circumstances that may exist and require further site-specific screening.
- This form must be signed by the preparer (**State/Territory**) and Responsible Federal Official (**USDA AMS**).
- AMS-ENV-A supports the preparation of AMS-ENV-B for projects that may be outside the scope of the PEA.

AMS-ENV-A (12-13-2023)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Marketing Service		1. GENERAL INFORMATION 1A. Applicant Name and Application Number	
ENVIRONMENTAL PRE-SCREENING WORKSHEET					
1B. Grant Program <input type="checkbox"/> Local Meat Capacity Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Market Development Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program		1C. Brief Description of Proposed Action <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; height: 40px;"></div>			
2. PRE-SCREENING QUESTIONS				YES	NO
A. Does the project involve any ground disturbing activities?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Does the project involve any vegetation or habitat removal?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Will the project alter a structure greater than 50-years of age or the general aesthetic of the property (i.e., new interior or exterior configuration)?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Is there an adjacent river, stream, or water body?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Will there be a permanent increase in noise, odor, or traffic as a result of the project?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Will the project increase the emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and/or nitrous oxide (increased use of internal combustion engines, manure management, etc.)?				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IF ANY "YES" BOX IS SELECTED IN SECTION 2, A SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING WILL BE REQUIRED.					
3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; height: 60px;"></div>					
4. PRE-SCREENING DETERMINATION Based on the results of the screening checklist above, the preparer recommends (check which applies):					
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project fits within the scope of the FONSI and triggers no extraordinary circumstances. This screening checklist is sufficient to document the potential impacts of the project, and they are considered insignificant to the environment and/or human health.					
<input type="checkbox"/> The project information reviewed may be outside the scope of the PEA and will require a site-specific environmental review. More information is required to show consistency with the PEA on the level of environmental documentation required before funding the project in conformance with NEPA.					
5. PREPARER INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE					
A. NAME OF PREPARER			B. TITLE OF PREPARER		
C. SIGNATURE OF PREPARER			D. DATE DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED (MM-DD-YYYY)		
6. RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE					
A. NAME OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL			B. TITLE OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL		
C. SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL			D. DATE OF APPROVAL SIGNATURE (MM-DD-YYYY)		

Site-Specific Environmental Review Procedures (AMS-ENV-B)

- AMS-ENV-B supports identification of environmental resource areas that may be impacted by the scope of the project.
- Section 2 identifies environmental resources that may require further analysis of potential impacts from the project.
- Section 3 identifies consultations and regulatory coordination that may be required to complete the environmental review for the project under NEPA. Applicable laws and regulations are identified.

AMS-ENV-B (12-13-2023)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Marketing Service		1. GENERAL INFORMATION	
				1A. Producer or Applicant Name and Application Number	
ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING WORKSHEET					
1B. Location of Proposed Action (address, GPS location, etc.)			1C. Description of Proposed Action (building construction, equipment purchase, approximate acreage, connected actions, etc.)		
2. ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW					
	A. Is the resource located within the area of potential effect?		B. Does the proposed action have the potential to impact the resource?		C. EFFECT DETERMINATION
	YES	NO	YES	NO	
T&E Species or Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Migratory Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural or Historic Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
	YES	NO	YES	NO	C. EXPECTED IMPACT
Coastal Barrier Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Wilderness Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Wild and Scenic River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Nationwide River Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Nationwide Natural Landmarks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Sole Source Aquifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Highly Erodible Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
303(d) Listed Waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Justice Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a selection <input type="checkbox"/>
3. CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION					
<i>For any resource where 2B was answered "YES", select and attach the appropriate documentation below.</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Section 106 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain Development Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> USACE Jurisdictional Determination			
<input type="checkbox"/> THPO Section 106 Consultation*	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMA Letter of Map Change	<input type="checkbox"/> USACE Section 404 Permit			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Consultation*	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Permit (Construction)	<input type="checkbox"/> Determination of Section 404 Exemption			
<input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Official Species Report	<input type="checkbox"/> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Operating)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Agency Coordination			
<input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Section 7 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone Consistency Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to Affected Parties			
<input type="checkbox"/> NMFS Section 7 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Section 401 Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Other State or Local Permitting			
<i>* These consultation or coordination efforts must be completed by the Responsible Federal Official.</i>					
4. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS					

Site-Specific Environmental Review Procedures (AMS-ENV-B cont.)

- Section 6 identifies extraordinary circumstances that may be applicable to the project.
- Section 7 documents the NEPA compliance finding and if further review is necessary. The required level of NEPA documentation is identified with support from USDA AMS.
- States may need to contact internal or external resources and subject matter experts to complete the evaluation.
- This form must be signed by the preparer (**State/Territory**) and Responsible Federal Official (**USDA AMS**).

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE APPROVED BY THE RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL OFFICIAL OR DESIGNEE.		
6. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW		
A. Is the proposed action expected to cause significant effects on public health or safety?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Is the proposed action expected to significantly affect unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, listed species, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Are the effects of the proposed action on the quality of the human environment likely to be highly controversial?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Does the proposed action have highly uncertain effects or involve unique or unknown risks on the human environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Does the proposed action establish a precedent for future actions with significant impacts or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Is the proposed action known or reasonably expected to have potentially significant environment impacts to the quality of the human environment either individually or cumulatively over time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Is the proposed action likely to have a significant adverse effect on ANY of the resources analyzed in the Environmental Law and Policy Review?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Will the proposed action threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements for the protection of the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. NEPA COMPLIANCE FINDING		
I have reviewed and considered the types and degrees of adverse environmental impacts identified by this evaluation. I have also analyzed the proposed action for its consistency with the National Environmental Policy Act and have considered the potential benefits of the proposal. Based upon this consideration and balancing of these factors, I recommend one of the following:		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed action has been sufficiently analyzed in an existing Programmatic Environmental Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and there are no predicted significant adverse environmental effects or extraordinary circumstances. This document is being tiered from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Local Meat Capacity Grant (FONSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Organic Market Development Grant (FONSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (FONSI) 		
<input type="checkbox"/> This proposed action includes activities that do not fit within the Scope of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment or has the potential to significantly impact a protected resource. A Site-Specific Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement should be completed to provide further and more complete analysis of any adverse impacts and approval of the action must be delayed pending the outcome of the analysis.		
6. RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE		
A. NAME OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL		B. TITLE OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
C. SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL OFFICIAL		D. DATE OF APPROVAL SIGNATURE (MM-DD-YYYY)
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Consultations and Permits

- Based on the results of the Environmental Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-B), the environmental review may require consultations with Federal, State, or local government officials.
- Depending on the level of impact proposed for the project, applicants may also be required to obtain permits prior to project implementation.



Consultations and Permits (cont.)

These are some Federal laws that could require applicants to initiate consultations or obtain permits/authorizations.

National Historic Preservation Act



- Section 106 Consultation with SHPO
- Applicable to initial ground disturbing activities and structural improvements

Endangered Species Act



- Section 7 Consultation with USFWS or NOAA
- Incidental Take Permit

Clean Water Act



- Water Quality Certification
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
- Section 404 Permit

Clean Air Act



- Minor New Source Review (NSR) Permit
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit
- Nonattainment NSR Permit

Consultation Process Overview

The States/Territories, in coordination with the applicants, will:

1. Identify resource(s), known constraints, or uncertainties.
2. Identify the appropriate regulatory agency for consultation and internal resources/SMEs to support the effort.
3. Initiate agency consultation utilizing preferred communication channel (consultation letters, email correspondence, online planning tools, etc.) and provide resource reports, as applicable. *Tribal consultation would require signature by the USDA AMS RFO.*
4. Obtain concurrence on determination of effect.
5. Return to NEPA documentation and incorporate any applicable mitigation, minimization, or avoidance measures.

Desktop Tools for Environmental Analysis



General

- EPA [EnviroAtlas Interactive Map](#)
- EPA [NEPAssist](#)

Climate Change

- CEQ [Greenhouse Gas Estimating Tools](#)

Environmental Justice

- CEQ [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)
- EPA [Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool](#) (EJSCREEN)

Air

- EPA [CAA Permitting in Your Region](#)
- EPA [Nonattainment Areas for Criteria Pollutants](#) (Greenbook)

Historic Preservation

- DOI [National Natural Landmarks Directory](#)
- DOI [National Register of Historic Places Locations](#)
- The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers [Directory](#)
- [Tribal Directory Assessment Tool](#) (TDAT)

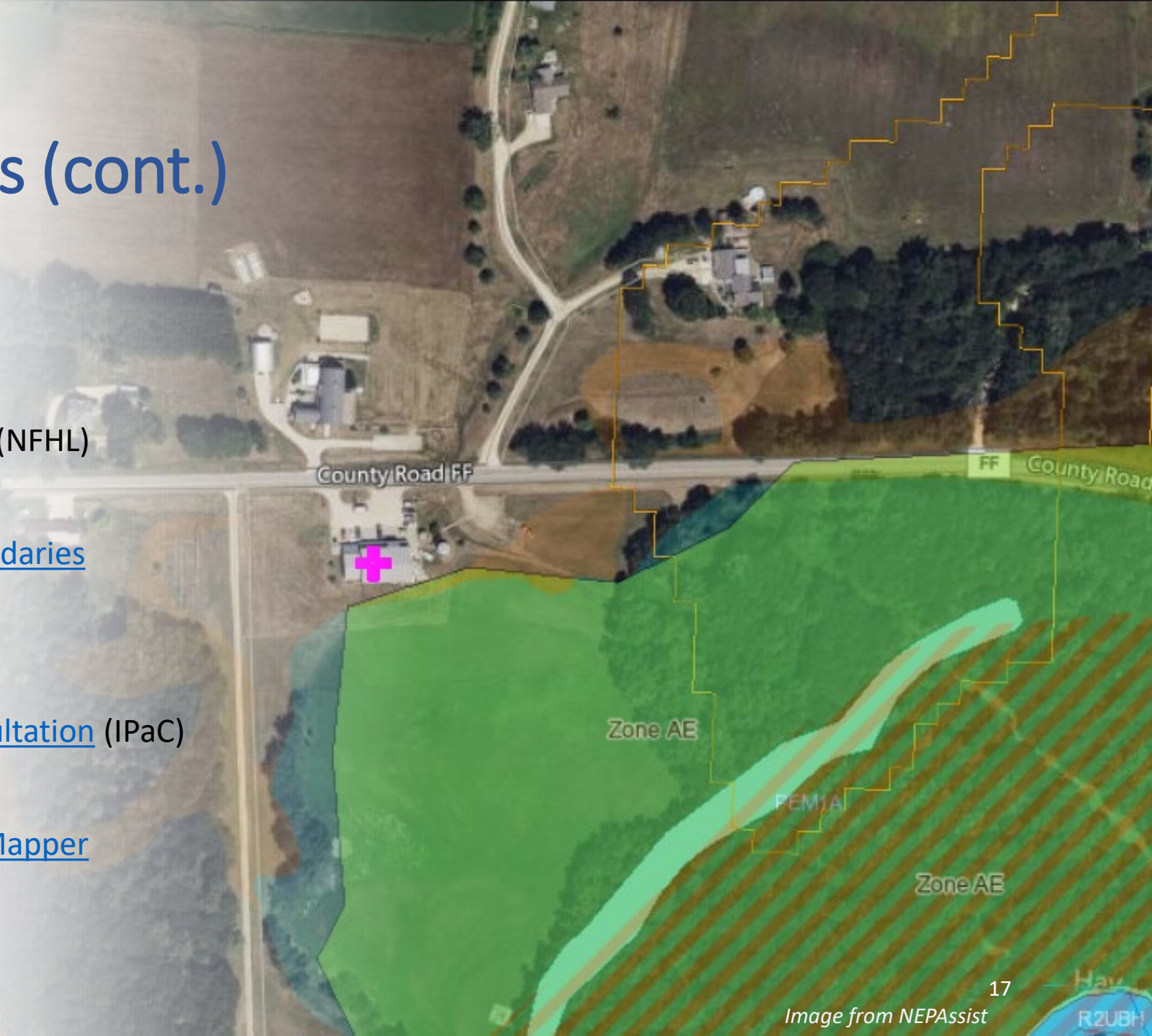
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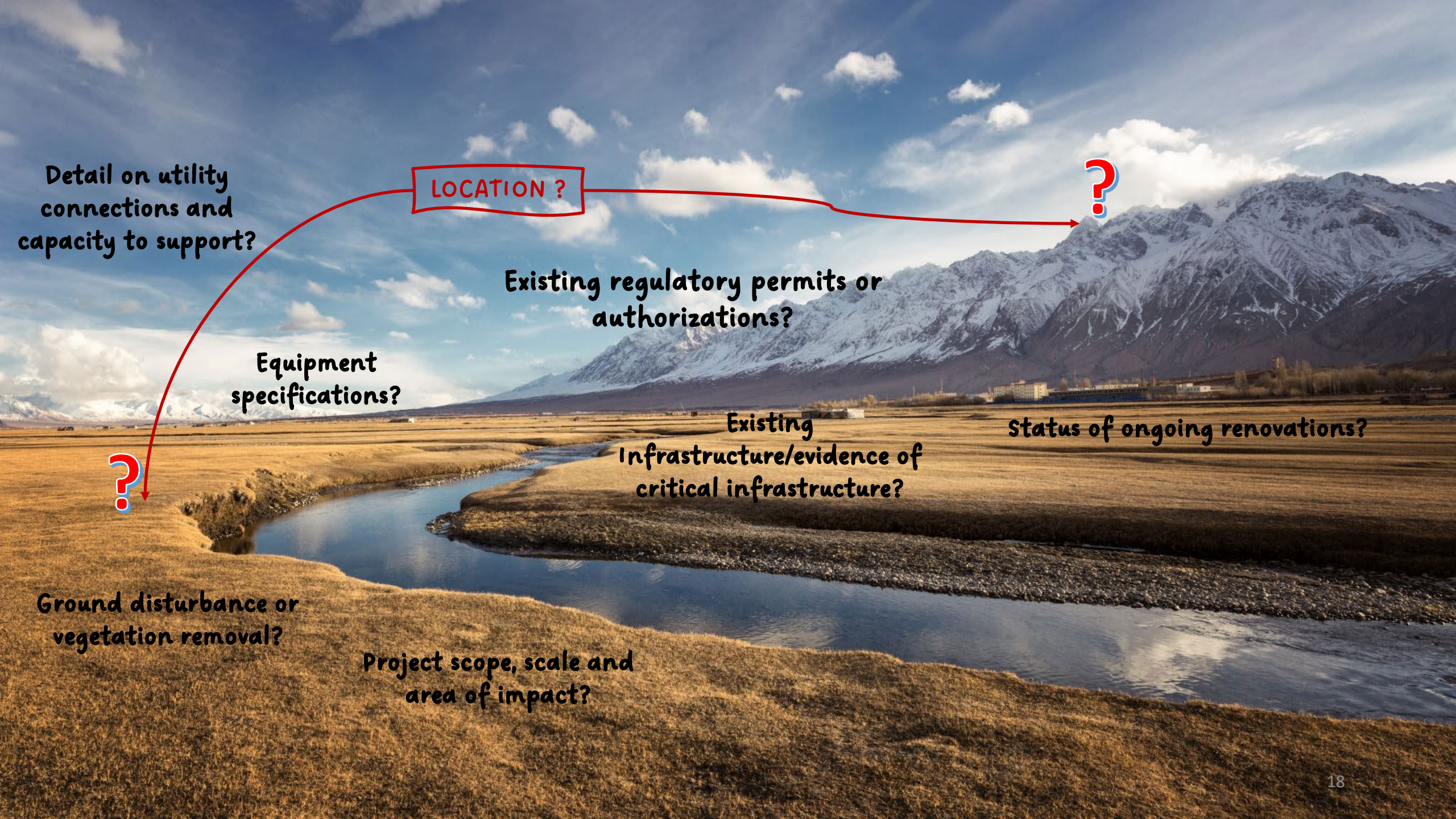
Water

- DOI [Nationwide Rivers Inventory](#)
- EPA [Sole Source Aquifers](#)
- FEMA [National Flood Hazard Layer Viewer](#) (NFHL)
- [National Wild and Scenic Rivers System](#)
- NOAA [Coastal Zone Management Act Boundaries](#)

Wildlife and Habitat

- NOAA [Essential Fish Habitat Mapper](#)
- USFWS [Information for Planning and Consultation](#) (IPaC)
- USDA [Wilderness Areas](#)
- USFWS [Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper](#)
- USFWS [National Wetlands Inventory](#)
- USDA [Web Soil Survey](#)





LOCATION ?

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Detail on utility connections and capacity to support?

Existing regulatory permits or authorizations?

Equipment specifications?

Existing Infrastructure/evidence of critical infrastructure?

Status of ongoing renovations?

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Ground disturbance or vegetation removal?

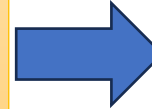
Project scope, scale and area of impact?

RFSI Example: RFSI Application No. 202402

1). Based on **Environmental Pre-Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-A)**, the **State/Territory** determined that the project may trigger extraordinary circumstances outside of the scope of the PEA and requires further investigation.



2). **State/Territory** submits a request for information and **Applicant Questionnaire**, if not provided with application package, to the applicant.



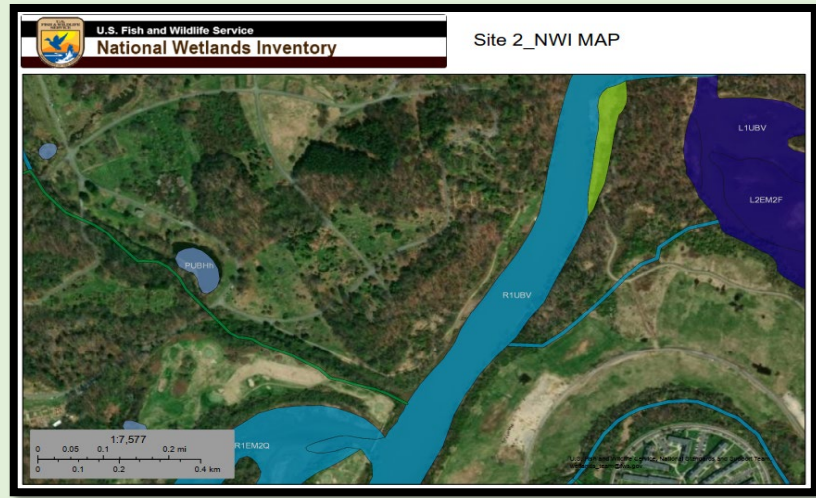
3). Using the **Environmental Screening Worksheet (AMS-ENV-B)**, **State/Territory** reviews project detail provided.

- 500- square feet of non-native vegetation (Black mustard and ornamentals) will be cleared adjacent to existing structures.
- Ground disturbing activities will be limited to topsoil removal and the placement of gravel in preparation for a new freezer container.
- **Concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office and tribal affiliates was obtained for a determination of no effect to historic resources.**
- All proposed improvements will be conducted entirely in upland areas. The nearest palustrine wetland is 350 feet away.



2. PRE-SCREENING QUESTIONS	YES	NO
A. Does the project involve any ground disturbing activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Does the project involve any vegetation or habitat removal?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Will the project alter the configuration of a structure greater than 50-years of age with historical significance, impact the general aesthetic of the property or visual resources (i.e., natural, or man-made features that give a particular environment its aesthetic qualities)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Is there an adjacent river, stream, or water body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Will there be a permanent increase in noise, odor, or traffic as a result of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F. Will the project increase the emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, and/or nitrous oxide (increased use of internal combustion engines, manure management, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IF ANY "YES" BOX IS SELECTED IN SECTION 2, A SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING WILL BE REQUIRED.

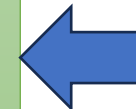


4). Based on **Form AMS-ENV-B**, there are no potentially significant environmental impacts or extraordinary circumstances.

The proposed actions are *within* the scope of the PEA.

The **State/Territory** provides **AMS** with the completed form for RFO approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS COMPLETE



2. ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW					
	A. Is the resource located within the area of potential effect?		B. Does the proposed action have the potential to impact the resource?		C. EFFECT DETERMINATION
	YES	NO	YES	NO	
T&E Species or Critical Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Migratory Birds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cultural or Historic Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	YES	NO	YES	NO	C. EXPECTED IMPACT
Coastal Barrier Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wilderness Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wild and Scenic River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nationwide River Inventory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nationwide Natural Landmarks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sole Source Aquifer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highly Erodible Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
303(d) Listed Waterway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Justice Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATION
For any resource where 2B was answered "YES", select and attach the appropriate documentation below.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHPO Section 106 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain Development Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> USACE Jurisdictional Determination
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THPO Section 106 Consultation*	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMA Letter of Map Change	<input type="checkbox"/> USACE Section 404 Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Consultation*	<input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Permit (Construction)	<input type="checkbox"/> Determination of Section 404 Exemption
<input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Official Species Report	<input type="checkbox"/> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Operating)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Agency Coordination
<input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Section 7 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone Consistency Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to Affected Parties
<input type="checkbox"/> NMFS Section 7 Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Section 401 Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Other State or Local Permitting

* These consultation or coordination efforts must be completed by the Responsible Federal Official.



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