



## **APPENDIX F**

### **Historic Outreach to Agencies and Agency Comments Pre-NOI**

#### **Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement**

#### **I-69 Section 6**

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## INTRODUCTION

The original Notice Of Intent (NOI) for I-69 Section 6 was issued on April 29, 2004. In 2006, efforts in I-69 Section 6 were minimized to include only critical management and public outreach activities while other sections were being completed. On October 15, 2014, FHWA published a revised NOI in the Federal Register to advise the public and resource agencies that Tier 2 studies in I-69 Section 6 were resuming. Due to the potential for increased impacts and/or changed conditions along SR 37, the revised NOI established a scoping process to determine whether to consider alternatives outside the selected Tier 1 corridor. The revised NOI also confirmed that an alternative using SR 37, within the Tier 1 approved corridor, would be included in the Tier 2 EIS for I-69 Section 6.

A table of project outreach activities between the first NOI on April 29, 2004 and the revised NOI on October 15, 2014 is included in this appendix. It lists the date of meetings, agencies represented at the meetings, and the purpose of the meetings. Note that project outreach activities that were specifically related to the Section 106 process and identification of historic resources are included in Chapter 5.13 and are not listed here.

Date and Activity	Attendees (in addition to FHWA and INDOT)	Purpose
4-29-04	IDNR – DHPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1 Memorandum of Agreement Interim Reports</li> </ul>
5-27-04 Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDNR requested meeting in order to provide early input</li> </ul>
8-9-04	IDNR-DHPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protocols for communication, mapping, curation and collection, reporting, scoping, and the APE</li> </ul>
8-12-04 Interagency Scoping Meeting—All Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDNR, Divisions of Fish &amp; Wildlife, Nature Preserves, and Historic Preservation &amp; Archaeology</li> <li>• Indiana Department of Commerce</li> <li>• Evansville MPO</li> <li>• Indiana Geological Survey</li> <li>• USACE</li> <li>• USFWS</li> <li>• IDEM, 401 Water Quality Control, and Wetlands</li> <li>• Bloomington MPO</li> <li>• Indianapolis MPO</li> <li>• USEPA Region 5</li> <li>• CraneNSWC</li> <li>• USDA, Forest Service</li> </ul>	<p>1st Tier 2 meeting with agencies and all sections to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiarize environmental review agencies with scope and status of Tier 2 environmental survey activities</li> <li>• Acquaint agency representatives with Tier 2 project corridor, overall project Purpose and Need, public involvement efforts, and project schedules</li> </ul>
12-14-04 Interagency Water Resource Coordination Team Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDEM</li> <li>• USFWS</li> <li>• USEPA Region 5</li> <li>• USACE</li> <li>• IDNR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some sections have varying methodologies because of different environmental settings and types of impacts</li> <li>• Indiana bat study update</li> <li>• Information on methodology being used for wetland and stream analysis</li> </ul>
1-27-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss avoiding and minimizing impacts to Indiana bat maternity colonies</li> <li>• Provide guidance on Section 7 consultation process</li> </ul>
2-18-05 Coordination Meeting	IDEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss formal communication protocols</li> </ul>
2-23-05 and 2-24-05 Interagency Coordination Meeting and Field Review—All Sections	<p>IDNR Divisions of Fish &amp; Wildlife, Water, Forestry, Soil Conservation, and Historic Preservation &amp; Archaeology</p> <p>Indiana Geological Survey</p> <p>USFWS</p> <p>IDEM, Air Quality and 401 Water Quality Control</p> <p>USEPA Region 5</p> <p>USDA, Hoosier National Forest and NRCS</p>	<p>2nd Tier 2 meeting with agencies and all sections:</p> <p>First day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain steps in Tier 2 formal agency coordination process</li> <li>• Identify project schedules and timeframes</li> <li>• Explain how local needs and goals will be identified and incorporated into Purpose and Need Statements of each section</li> <li>• Discuss how Preliminary Alternatives will be developed and evaluated</li> </ul>
3-10-05 Ground water Meeting	IDEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain input regarding information to be collected during study</li> <li>• Discuss Wellhead Protection Areas, public water supplies, and water supply recharge areas</li> </ul>
3-22-05 Wetland and Stream Field Review Meeting	<p>IDEM</p> <p>USACE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a consistent approach for water resources in all six sections</li> </ul>

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4-14-05 Water Resource Meeting	IDEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss and receive clarification on IDEM's water resource comments provided for the I-69 Tier 2 project in a letter dated 2/16/05</li> </ul>
5-4-05 Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer questions regarding floodway permits and floodway easements</li> <li>• Discuss procedure for hydraulic model</li> </ul>
6-8-05 Water Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss hydraulic modeling and calculations within the corridor</li> </ul>
6-22-05 Forestry Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss impacts for all six sections</li> <li>• Evaluate economic impacts as a result of forest loss</li> </ul>
7-1-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss potential re-initiation of Section 7 formal consultation</li> <li>• Discuss additional bat mist netting</li> <li>• Review proposed mitigation lands</li> <li>• Update on water resource impacts and assessments</li> <li>• Update on state-listed species</li> </ul>
8-12-05 Conference Call	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on additional habitat surveys</li> <li>• Give clarification on term "hibernacula"</li> </ul>
8-22-05 and 8-23-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<p>08-22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approval of number and locations of maternity circles</li> <li>• Discuss Community Planning Grant</li> <li>• Discuss USDA Forest Service Inventory Analysis Data</li> </ul> <p>08-23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss forest analysis methodology</li> <li>• Discuss indirect impacts methodology</li> <li>• Discuss bridge fencing</li> </ul>
9-12-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide updates on mist netting and radio telemetry surveys</li> </ul>
9-23-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss methodologies for forest impacts</li> </ul>
10-3-05 Conference Call	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on bat surveys</li> <li>• Discuss methodology for estimating population size in maternity colony</li> </ul>
10-7-05 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on a number of Indiana bat activities</li> </ul>
10-14-05 Conference Call	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define cumulative impacts per ESA</li> <li>• Give update on bat surveys</li> </ul>
11-8-05 Coordination Meeting	IDNR- Division of Fish & Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss Threatened and Endangered Species for each section</li> <li>• Discuss potential wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Discuss permitting and mitigation</li> </ul>
11-10-05 Toll/Schedule Meeting	USACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide update on Tier 2 studies</li> </ul>
1-6-06 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide cave survey updates</li> </ul>

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4-12-06 USACE Coordination Meeting	USACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss schedule</li> <li>• Discuss USACE Section 404 permitting procedures</li> <li>• Determine that mitigation and monitoring plans will be submitted with all permit applications</li> <li>• Discuss stream relocation methods, riparian buffers, and legal drains</li> <li>• Discuss mitigation ratios and mitigation within same eight-digit watershed</li> <li>• Discuss use of borrow pits for open water impacts</li> <li>• Discuss jurisdictional determination reports</li> </ul>
4-16-06 Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss permitting, oil/gas wells, revegetation species and wildlife crossings.</li> </ul>
5-23-06 Permitting Meeting	IDEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss Rule 5 Permits, IDEM's review period, and isolated wetlands</li> <li>• Review mitigation efforts and permitting requirements and timing</li> </ul>
5-23-06 Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review construction in a floodway permitting</li> </ul>
7-17-06 Reevaluation Coordination Meeting	USEPA Region 5 USACE USFWS USDA Forest Service/Hoosier National Forest IDNR, Divisions of Water, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, and Nature Preserves/Heritage Program IDEM Offices of Water Quality, Drinking Water, and Permits	3rd Tier 2 meeting with agencies and all sections: First day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an update on the progress of each Tier 2 section</li> <li>• Give agencies a chance to ask questions/address issues that may have arisen in previous meetings or conference calls and see how the project management team is addressing these issues</li> </ul> Second day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field trip to see sensitive sites in Sections 4, 5, and 6</li> </ul>
9-11-06 Forestry Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss concerns about impacts to urban forests and mitigation options</li> <li>• Discuss eradication of invasive species in right of way</li> </ul>
1-10-07 Conference Call	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss 50 potential mist netting sites</li> </ul>
1-17-07 Conference Call	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss level of stream relocations in relation to acquiring a Construction in a Floodway Permit</li> </ul>
2-9-07 Permitting and Mitigation Meeting	IDEM USFWS USEPA Region 5 USACE IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on status of permitting progress</li> <li>• Discuss mitigation efforts and focus areas</li> <li>• Discuss water resource impacts in each section</li> <li>• Discuss design level used for I-69 permitting</li> <li>• Discuss mitigation ratios: 2 to 1 forest preservation and 1 to 1 reforestation (Upland Forest); 3 to 1 or 4 to 1 wetland forest; 3 to 1 scrub shrub wetland; 2 to 1 emergent wetland; perennial stream mitigation of 1 to 1</li> <li>• Ephemeral streams may be mitigated using wetlands or bottomland forest near existing streams</li> <li>• Tracking of mitigation sites and credits</li> </ul>

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3-1-07 Interagency Coordination Meeting—All Sections	USEPA Region 5 USFWS USDA Forest Service/Hoosier National Forest IDNR, Divisions of Water, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, and Historic Preservation & Archaeology IDEM Offices of Land Quality and Groundwater	4th Tier 2 meeting with agencies and all sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review project schedule and update the progress of each Tier 2 section</li> <li>• Review water resources, mitigation, and indirect and cumulative impacts</li> <li>• Give agencies a chance to ask questions/address issues that may have arisen in previous meetings or conference calls</li> </ul>
3-15-07 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an update on bat surveys</li> <li>• Review of mitigation properties</li> </ul>
4-16-07 Coordination Meeting	IDNR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on status of all sections</li> <li>• Discuss avoidance and minimization efforts</li> <li>• Discuss compensating mitigation efforts</li> <li>• Discuss coordination from 2-9-07 permitting and mitigation meeting</li> </ul>
12-05-07 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss revised formatting and information to be included in subsequent Tier 2 Biological Assessments</li> </ul>
1-12-09 Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss several items related to Section 7 Consultation and Tier 2 BA.</li> </ul>
4-30-09 Interagency Coordination Meeting—All Sections	USACE IDNR IDEM USEPA Region 5 USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss revised project schedules for all sections</li> <li>• Give agencies a chance to ask questions/address issues that may have arisen in previous meetings or conference calls</li> </ul>
11-22-10 Coordination Meeting	USFWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with USFWS to discuss mitigation site easement language</li> </ul>
3-21-11 Coordination Meeting	IDEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule 5 Meeting</li> </ul>