**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MAJOR STATE ACTIONS**

State Form 54278 (R / 2-11)

IC 13-12-4-5; 326 IAC 16; 327 IAC 11; 329 IAC 5

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| *INSTRUCTIONS:* | *1. The responsible official of a state agency may use this form to determine if a major state action will significantly affect the quality of the human environment as defined in 326 IAC 16, 327 IAC 11, and 329 IAC 5, and require preparation of an environmental impact statement as required by IC 13-12-4-5.**2. Print or type all information. Use additional sheets if necessary.**3. The responsible official should sign and date the form when completed.**4. This document is a public record subject to IC 5-14-3. Maintain this form in accordance with the agency’s document retention schedule.* |

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| **I. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION** |
| Name of Agency: |       |
| Identification of Action: |       |
| Location of Action: |       |
| Predicted Start Date *(month, day, year)*: |       |
| Predicted End Date *(month, day, year)*: |       |
| Projected Final Cost: |       | (Fiscal Year 20      dollars) |
| Preparer: |       |

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| **II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION** |
| 1. Give a brief description of the proposed action(s) and describe how your agency is involved in the action.      |
| 2. Describe the geographical area or areas which will be affected by the proposed action(s), including distinguishing natural and man-made characteristics and a brief description of the present use of the area(s).      |
| 3. Briefly describe the need for the proposed action(s).      |
| 4. Estimate the anticipated duration of the environmental effects of the proposed action(s). |
| Short term: |       |
| Long term: |       |

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| **III. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** |
| *Answer the following questions by placing a check in the appropriate space. Consider both short and long term impact. Wherever “Yes” is checked, indicate the nature of the effect below the question.* |
|  | Short Term | Long Term |
| 1. | Could the action(s) adversely affect the use of a recreational area or area of important aesthetic value?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 2. | Are any of the natural or manmade features which may be affected in the area(s) unique, that is, not found in another part of the state or nation?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 3. | Could the action(s) adversely affect an historical or archeological structure or site?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 4. | Could the action(s) adversely affect fish, wildlife, or plant life?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 5. | Have any fish, mammals or plant species on the rare or endangered species list been sighted in the affected area(s)?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
|  | Will those sighted be adversely affected?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 6. | Could the action(s) change existing features of any of the state’s fresh waters or wetlands?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 7. | Could the action(s) change existing features of a state beach?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 8. | Could the action(s) result in the elimination of significant acreage of land presently utilized for agriculture or forestry purposes?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 9. | Will the action(s) require certification, authorization or issuance of a permit by any local, state or federal environmental control agency?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |

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| **III. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (continued)** |
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|  | **Short Term** | **Long Term** |
| 10. | Will the action(s) involve the application, use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 11. | Will the action(s) involve construction of facilities in a flood plain?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 12. | Could the action(s) result in the generation of a significant level of noise?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 13. | Could the action(s) result in the generation of significant amounts of dust?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 14. | Could the action(s) result in a deleterious effect on the quality of the air?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 15. | Could the action(s) result in a deleterious effect on the quality or quantity of any portion of the state’s water resources? *(If yes, indicate whether surface, ground water, or offshore.)*      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 16. | Could the action(s) affect an area of important scenic value?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 17. | Could the action(s) result in increased congestion and/or traffic in an already congested area or an area incapable of absorbing increase?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 18. | Could the action(s) require a variance from or result in a violation of any statute, ordinance, by-law, regulation or standard, the major purpose of which is to prevent or minimize damage to the environment?      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |
| 19. | Could the action(s) result in any form of adverse environmental impact not included in the above questions? *(If yes, identify the impacted resource or area.)*      | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  | YES[ ]  | NO[ ]  |

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| **IV. LIST OF AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONSULTED** |
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| V. CONCLUSIONS |
| 1. [x]  FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: I have determined that the proposed major state action will not significantly  affect the quality of the human environment. An environmental impact statement will not be prepared.2. [ ]  I have determined that the proposed major state action may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.  An environmental impact statement will be prepared by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *(approximate date)(month, day, year)* |
| Signature of Responsible State Official: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(date signed)(month, day, year)* |
| Print Name: |       |
| Title/Position: |       |
| Branch/Division: |       |
| Telephone number: |       |
| Address *(number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)*: |       |