

Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds

	PCE	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4 ¹
Section 106	Falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	“No Historic Properties Affected”	“No Adverse Effect”	“Adverse Effect”	-
Historic Bridges²	None	-	-	Any historic bridge involvement	-
Stream Impacts³	No construction in waterways or water bodies	< 300 linear feet of stream impacts	≥ 300 linear feet of stream impacts	-	USACE Individual 404 Permit ⁴
Wetland Impacts³	No impacts to wetlands	< 0.1 acre	-	< 1.0 acre	≥ 1.0 acre
Right-of-Way⁵	Property acquisition for preservation only or none	< 0.5 acre	≥ 0.5 acre	-	-
Relocations⁶	None	-	-	< 5	≥ 5
Threatened/Endangered Species (Species Specific Programmatic for Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, and tricolored bat)*	“No Effect” or “Not Likely to Adversely Affect” (with select AMMs ⁷)	“Not Likely to Adversely Affect” (with any other AMMs)	-	“Likely to Adversely Affect”	Project does not fall under Species Specific Programmatic ⁸
Threatened/Endangered Species (Any other species)*	“No Effect” or “Not Likely to Adversely Affect”	-	-	-	“Likely to Adversely Affect”
Sole Source Aquifer	No Detailed Groundwater Assessment	-	-	-	Detailed Groundwater Assessment
Floodplain	No Significant Encroachment	IDNR CIF Permit Required ⁴	-	-	Significant Encroachment
Public Involvement Required	No	Yes	-	-	-
Section 4(f) Impacts	None	-	-	<i>De minimis</i> ⁹	Programmatic or Individual
Section 6(f) Impacts	None	-	-	-	Any
Permanent Traffic Alteration	None	-	-	Any ¹⁰	-
Noise Analysis Required	No	-	-	Yes	-
Air Quality Analysis Required	No	-	-	-	Yes ¹¹
Approval Level • District Env. (DE) • Env. Serv. Div. (ESD) • FHWA	Concurrence by DE or ESD	DE or ESD	DE or ESD	ESD	ESD and FHWA

¹ Coordinate with INDOT Environmental Services Division. INDOT will then coordinate with the appropriate FHWA Environmental Specialist.

² Any involvement with a bridge processed under the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement. INDOT CE approval is contingent upon FHWA providing written concurrence on the preferred alternative, pursuant to the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement.

³ Total permanent impacts to streams (linear feet) and wetlands (acres). Any impacts to streams and/or wetlands must be a minimum CE-1.

⁴ USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers; IDNR CIF = Indiana Department of Natural Resources Construction in a Floodway

⁵ Total permanent and temporary right-of-way. This does not include reacquisition of existing apparent right-of-way.

⁶ If greater than 5 relocations, a conversation with FHWA, through INDOT ESD, is needed to confirm NEPA classification and outreach plan for the project.

⁷ Avoidance and Mitigation Measures (AMMs) determined by the IPAC determination key to be required that are not bridge AMMs or structure AMMs.

⁸ Projects that do not fall under a Species Specific Programmatic and results in a “Likely to Adversely Affect.” Other findings can be processed as a lower-level CE.

⁹ The only exception is a *de minimis* evaluation for historic properties (effective January 2, 2020). If a historic property is *de minimis* and no other use, or other exemptions listed in 23 CFR 774.13, mark the *None* column. Section 4(f) *de minimis* approval must be issued by FHWA prior to the INDOT approval of the CE document.

¹⁰ Permanent Traffic Alterations occur if a treatment removes an available traffic movement at an intersection of public roads and diverts it outside the intersection influence area, or if the direction of travel on a public road is changed, e.g., closing a roadway or converting two-way traffic to one-way traffic.

¹¹ Hot Spot Analysis and/or MSAT Quantitative Emission Analysis.

*Includes threatened/endangered species critical habitat

Note: Substantial controversy on environmental grounds may require a higher-level NEPA document.