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Please find the following INDOT Environmental Services Division, Environmental Policy Office updates:

### **NEPA Guidance Language and Categorical Exclusion Forms**

The NEPA Guidance Language (formerly named NEPA Standard Language) for Categorical Exclusions (CE-1 and CE/EA forms) has been updated and can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2523.htm>. Updates that have been made include:

- Updated guidance language layout using the updated Categorical Exclusion (CE) Forms;
- Language and formatting updates throughout document;
- Updated notes throughout document for further clarification;
- CE Form signature page guidance;
- Guidance Language for new Early Coordination section on CE/EA form;
- Project specific protected species language added;
- Other species coordination language added;
- Updated UAB discussion; and
- Updates to farmland guidance language

For new initial CE submittals on or after April 1, 2021, please use the updated Guidance Language.

Additionally the new CE forms are available for use for new initial submittals on or after April 1, 2021 and can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/4202.htm>

### **Protected Species Guidance**

INDOT has developed protected species guidance to cover the most frequent coordination and instances that may be encountered related to protected species. Protected species refers to any species included in ESA Section 7, birds covered by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Use of the protected species guidance is intended to standardize coordination and documentation. The protected species guidance will be updated as need or if additional species are listed, delisted, and/or protected. The protected species guidance is located on INDOT's Environmental Policy Office webpage at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2523.htm>.

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