

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE (RFSI) PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL PRE-SCREENING FORM

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION		
1. Applicant Entity Name	2. Applicant Contact Name, Title	3. Applicant Contact Email
4. Grant Program Applying To <input type="checkbox"/> Special Equipment Only (SEO) <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (INF)	5. Project Location (Common Address & Coordinates)	
6. Description of Proposed Project Activities		

Instructions: This form is used for RFSI Program applicants to provide basic information about the project activities, location, and potential environmental impacts. All applicants, Special Equipment Only (SEO) and Infrastructure (INF) must complete this pre-screening worksheet.

Even SEO program applicants may need to complete a site-specific review. Therefore, it is very important that you answer each question to the best of your knowledge. It may be necessary to utilize free, public, and readily available environmental tools and databases to look up historical environmental conditions. Commonly used tools and resources are linked for your convenience:

- NEPAassist – can be used to check a variety of environmental conditions for your defined project area, such as nearby waterways, streams, rivers, air quality levels, noise pollution contributors such as major roadways, railways, and airports. <https://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/nepamap.aspx>
- IPaC – used in the Section 7 consultation process, your first stop before needing to contact USFWS directly for formal conservation. <https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/location/index>
- FEMA Flood Map Service Center – used to identify regulated floodways and other flood hazards near or within the project boundary. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>
- Indiana DNR Floodplain Portal – provides more accurate, up-to-date floodplain data. When FEMA’s Map Service Center does not have data for your project site or you believe their data is inaccurate, use DNR’s Floodplain Portal. ** You must still collect a FIRMette from FEMA for federal compliance. The DNR map may be used to supplement the FIRMette when data is federal data is insufficient.* <http://tinyurl.com/bdzmt5b2>


Upload a completed copy of the form with supporting documents to your application under “Other Uploads” or email to tiparthun@lg.in.gov.

SECTION 2: PRE-SCREENING

GROUND DISTURBANCE & SITE CONTAMINATION (CERCLA) PRE-SCREENING

<p>7a. Does the project involve ground disturbance (digging, trenching, boring, burying, dredging, etc.)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>7b. Has a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) been completed within the last year?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>7c. If you answered "YES", did the Phase 1 ESA identify any conditions indicative of contamination from pollutants or petroleum based-products as defined in CERCLA §101, or controlled substances as defined in 21 U.S.C. 802?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES" to 7c., attach a copy of the Phase I. Phase II ESA will be necessary to test soil for contaminant levels. If you answered "NO", Phase I conducted by environmental professional needed.</p>
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ENDANGERED SPECIES ("SECTION 7") PRE-SCREENING

<p>8a. Will the project remove vegetation or habitats? (Answer "NO" if work is limited to structure's interior or previously disturbed, paved areas like sidewalks, parking lots, driveways)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES", informal consultation with USFWS is necessary. Visit https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/location/index to map out your project area and potential area of effect, identify any impacted species, vegetation, and habitats, and make a determination of effect.</p>	<p>8b. Is the project located within or adjacent to any un-landscaped areas that support native vegetation (trees, shrubs, grasses)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES", contact USFWS for formal consultation. If "NO", prepare Memo of "No Effect" and attach a copy. Use the attached guide for a No Effect Memo template.</p>  <p>Adobe Acrobat Document</p>
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ("SECTION 106") PRE-SCREENING

<p>9. Will the project alter the configuration of a structure that is greater than 50 years old with historical significance, impact the general aesthetic of the property, or nearby properties and visual resources? (Answer "NO" if this is an SEO project only.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES", the project is subject to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and a "Section 106" federal project review must be conducted. Coordinate with Grant Services to initiate this process if selected for award. To prepare for a Section 106 Review, all applicants you should collect the following documents.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Color photos of the project site, building, and surrounding areas</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SHAARD Database Map/Report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> USGS Topographical Map w/ Project Boundary</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FEMA FIRMette (Floodplain Map) and NEPAAssist Wetlands Map</p>
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WATER RESOURCES (CWA, EO 11988, EO 11990, CZMA, CBRA, WSRA) PRE-SCREENING

<p>10a. Is the project located near a river, stream, lake, pond, wetland, or other body of water?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: Visit NEPAAssist and create project area map with the "Water" layers turned on. Print (Save as PDF) and attach to this form.</p>	<p>10b. Will the project activities result in the discharge of fill material or dredged materials into a waterway?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES" this project triggers the CWA and requires USACE consultation. Grant Services will follow up with you.</p>	<p>10c. Is the project located in/near a protected wetland or flood hazard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If you answered "YES" contact Grant Services. EO 11998, 11990 compliance triggered.</p>
<p>10d. Is the project located within a Coastal Barrier Resource? (Answer defaults to "NO" because there are no designated Coastal Barrier Resources in Indiana.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>10e. Is the project located within the Lake Michigan Coastal Program CZMA area? (Answer "NO" if your project is NOT located in Lake, Porter, or Laporte counties).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: If the project is located in Lake, Porter, or Laporte county and near Lake Michigan, it may be within the CZMA area. Visit http://tinyurl.com/23664r5w to check if your project is within the program area.</p>	<p>10f. Is the project located near a Wild & Scenic River? (Answer defaults to "NO" because Indiana has no designated WSRs.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>		

AIR QUALITY (CAA) & NOISE POLLUTION PRE-SCREENING

<p>11a. Will the project result in increased noise, odors, or traffic? (Will there be increased vehicle traffic, or will the facility operations introduce more noise/odor levels than current levels.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: You do not need to consider noise, odors, or traffic resulting from construction. These increases are temporary and should not tip over the de minimis levels. Contact Grant Services if the project will increase levels long-term.</p>	<p>11b. Will the project result in increased emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, or nitrous oxide? (Will there be increased use of internal combustion engines, manure mgmt, etc.)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: You do not need to consider short-term increases in emissions from construction equipment. These increases are temporary and should not tip over the de minimis levels. Contact Grant Services if the project will increase emissions long-term.</p>
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