

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Request for Environmental Information Form

Instructions

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) must review the environmental impacts of any project that may receive funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. To do this, we need clear and complete information in your Request for Environmental Information Form. If information is missing or incomplete, the review of your project and loan application will be delayed. These requirements come from state regulations adopted by the State Environmental Commission (NAC 445A.6751 to 445A.67644).

This Form is part of the Letter of Intent required under NAC 445A.67578. It helps us understand the current environmental conditions at your project site and how your project may affect the environment.

If you have already submitted environmental information to another federal or state agency, please reference that process and include copies of any documents that support the final decision. If you believe certain questions do not apply to your project, explain why they are not relevant.

Please keep in mind that we need information not only about the project site itself, but also about surrounding areas that may be directly or indirectly affected. The level of detail should match the size and complexity of your project and the potential environmental impacts.

For example:

- A small water storage tank built on an already developed site may not require detailed information about air quality or wetlands.
- A water treatment plant, a new well on undeveloped land, or a pipeline through undisturbed terrain may require more extensive information.

Item 1a

If another agency has already made an environmental determination for your project — such as a Categorical Exclusion, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or another final decision — provide copies of the related documents (for example, an Environmental Assessment). Include the name of the agency that made the determination. NDEP does not intend to repeat a completed environmental review, but we do need to understand the process used.

Item 1b

If no Environmental Assessment has been completed, answer each of the listed items in order and attach any supporting documents.

For questions, email ndep-ofa@ndep.nv.gov

Category Exclusion for Environmental Information

Project name:

Applicant organization name:

Preparer's name and title:

Project location description (street address, city, state, zip code; site characteristics):

Project description (summary of project scope and project components):

Categorical Exclusion Eligibility (CATEX)

Please answer all questions in this section to help determine whether your project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) under 40 CFR § 6.204(a)(1)(ii) and 40 CFR § 6.204(a)(1)(iii). Be sure to include all supporting statements and documents.

Question 1a

If you answer “**Yes**” to any item, continue to **Question 1b**.

Does your project involve work on existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems, drinking water systems, stormwater systems, or combined sewer overflow systems) including:

- 1) Minor upgrades?
- 2) Minor expansion of system capacity or rehabilitation of the existing system or its parts (including functional replacement)? Examples include the sewer collection network, treatment systems, drinking water collection, treatment, storage, and distribution systems, and stormwater systems.
- 3) Building small new support facilities next to or on the same property as current facilities?

Mark **Yes** or **No** for each item.

Question 1b

If you answer “**Yes**” to any of these, STOP — the project is **not eligible** for a CATEX.

Will the project:

- 1) Create new or relocated discharges to surface water or groundwater?
- 2) Likely cause a significant increase in pollutant volume or loading?
- 3) Give the system enough capacity to serve a population that is 30 percent larger than the current one?
- 4) Not be supported by the state or another regional growth plan?
- 5) Directly or indirectly upgrade or expand infrastructure mainly to support future development?

Mark **Yes** or **No** for each item.

Question 2a

If you answer “**Yes**,” go to **Question 2b**.

Does the project involve work in communities without sewer systems that include:

- 1) Replacing existing onsite wastewater systems?

Question 2b

If you answer “**Yes**” to any item below, STOP — the project is **not eligible** for a CATEX.

Will the project include actions that:

- 1) Involve moving discharges to a new location?
- 2) Are likely to significantly increase the amount or concentration of pollutants coming from existing sources?

Required Attachments

Please attach the following documents:

- A USGS 15-minute or 7.5-minute topographic map showing your project location
- FEMA floodplain maps for the project area
- Wetlands map for the project area
- Photos of the project site, including views looking north, south, east, and west
- Aerial photo of the site (if available)
- Any available surface water or groundwater quality data for the area

General Information

Area description

Describe the size, terrain, and current land use of the project site and surrounding areas. Include features such as geology, slopes, faults, surface conditions, and any staging, construction areas, or areas affected by the construction.

Environmental Questions

Answer **Yes** or **No** and explain your reasoning.

Floodplain

Will the project be built in a 100-year floodplain?

Use: [FEMA Flood Map Service Center](#)

Wetlands

Is the project located in or near a wetland?

Use: [National Wetlands Inventory](#)

Describe any work in or near wetlands and how impacts will be avoided or minimized.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Is the project area near a designated or proposed Wild and Scenic River?

Waste stream

Will the project generate a waste stream?

If yes, explain how the waste will be managed or disposed of.

Transportation

Describe transportation patterns from the project if any land uses are affected by these new patterns.

Land use

Will the project negatively affect nearby occupied areas? Will it change existing land uses?

Noise

Describe noise expected during and after construction and identify affected land uses.

Historic and archaeological resources

- Identify any known historic or archaeological sites in the project area. Consider other significant locations that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.
Use: [National Register of Historical Places](#)
- Attach any relevant surveys.
- List any registered or eligible historic properties near the project.

Wildlife and endangered species

Indicate whether any threatened or endangered species or important habitat is known in or near the project area.

Construction practices

Describe how construction impacts—such as noise, erosion, or siltation—will be minimized.

Toxic substances

Will the project use or produce toxic, hazardous, or radioactive materials?
If yes, describe how they will be stored, used, and disposed of safely.

Public reaction

Describe any public outreach (media, website, mailers, etc.) and any concerns or objections raised.

Alternatives to the project

Describe the alternatives considered, including the “No Action” option. Explain which alternative was chosen and why.

Mitigation measures

Describe steps that will be taken to avoid or reduce environmental impacts during and after construction.

Tribal lands

Is the project on or near Tribal land, or does it cross Tribal areas?
If yes, identify the Tribe and describe any agreements or mitigation efforts.

Permits

List all required permits and their status. Include any inter-jurisdictional agreements.



Other federal actions

Identify any other federal projects or programs in the same area or connected to this project.