

Attachment 5-15 Environmental Review Resources and Tools

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and other federal agencies provide several resources for local governments serving as a Responsible Entity (RE) to undertake environmental reviews that fulfill the requirements of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and HUD regulations found at 24 CFR Part 58. The listing of websites below provides links to those resources and technical tools to help complete the environmental review record.

GENERAL RESOURCES

HUD Exchange – Environmental Review Page

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/

The HUD Exchange provides a hub for the latest Environmental Review resources, updates, and information. This site provides tools and templates, news, research, evaluations, best practices, guides, training manuals, and more.

NEPAssist

http://nepassisttool.epa.gov/nepassist/entry.aspx

NEPAssist is a tool that facilitates the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. The web-based application creates customized maps that incorporate environmental data dynamically from EPA's Geographic Information System databases and web services and provides immediate screening of environmental assessment indicators for a user-defined area of interest. These features contribute to a streamlined review process that potentially raises important environmental issues at the earliest stages of project development.

Tools and Worksheets for Statutory Checklist Review

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4707/environmental-review-record-related-federal-laws-and-authorities-worksheets/

These worksheets contain the suggested format for documenting compliance with environmental requirements covered by related federal laws and authorities. This documentation should be included in the Environmental Review Record. This page includes links for the following:

Air Quality - Worksheet (DOCX)

- Airport Hazards Worksheet (DOCX)
- Coastal Barrier Resources Worksheet (DOCX)
- Coastal Zone Management Worksheet (DOCX)
- Endangered Species Worksheet (DOCX)
- Environmental Justice Worksheet (DOCX)
- Explosive and Flammable Facilities Worksheet (DOCX)
- Farmlands Protection Worksheet (DOCX)
- Flood Insurance Worksheet (DOCX)
- Floodplain Management Worksheet (DOCX)
- Historic Preservation Worksheet (DOCX)
- Noise Abatement and Control (CEST) Worksheet (DOCX)
- Noise Abatement and Control (EA) Worksheet (DOCX)
- Site Contamination (Single Family) Worksheet (DOCX)
- Site Contamination (Multi-Family) Worksheet (DOCX)
- Sole Source Aquifers Worksheet (DOCX)
- Wetlands Protection Worksheet (DOCX)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Worksheet (DOCX)

Federal Environmental Laws and Authorities

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/federal-related-laws-and-authorities/

Drill down further and learn about the environmental requirements covered by each of the federal laws and authorities and referenced in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. Each environmental topic features a compilation of resources such as trainings, guidance, and useful websites. This page contains all of the content from HUD's Assessment Tools for Environmental Compliance (ATEC).