

NEPA Environmental Checklist for OLDCC Construction Grant Proposals

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) cannot approve an award until the requirements of certain environmental laws and regulations are met, including but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The use of federal funds for construction projects requires that the granting agency affirm compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as they apply to the project. NEPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on the environment.

Entities submitting proposals for construction grants administered by DoD OLDCC must provide information about potential environmental impacts by completing this NEPA Environmental Checklist and submitting it with their grant proposal. This checklist serves as a screening tool for OLDCC to determine the likely level of assessment needed to comply with NEPA once the grant is awarded. Completing this checklist does not comply with NEPA, rather this checklist is a tool to help initiate the process.

Upon award, and prior to starting construction, the grantee must complete the appropriate level of environmental analysis to inform OLDCC's compliance with NEPA. Applicants should be prepared to complete an Environmental Assessment pursuant to 40 CFR 1500-1508 or provide NEPA documentation if already completed; NEPA analysis and documentation will be a requirement in the Terms and Conditions of the grant. OLDCC, in consultation with DoD Office of General Counsel and the associated installation, will review the NEPA documentation prepared by the grantee and affirm that NEPA requirements have been met.

Use the "Additional Comments" section on the last page to provide additional information, and to explain any "Yes" or "Unknown" answers.

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

1	Name of Grant Applicant:	
2	Applicant POC Name, Phone & Email:	
3	Name of Project:	
4	OLDCC Grant Program (i.e. DCIP etc.)	
5	Project Location (include map if available):	
6	Brief Description of the Project (additional documentation should be attached if it exists):	
7	Associated Military Installation & the Environmental POC Name, Phone, Email:	
8	Is this project subject to compliance with a State Environmental Policy Act? If so, please identify the law and how it applies. If needed, refer to: https://ceq.doe.gov/laws-regulations/states.html	
9	Is this project subject to compliance with State or Local environmental regulations or permits? If so, please identify the known permits that the grantee will need to obtain to conduct the project.	
10	Purpose and Need: Provide a brief summary of the underlying need and purpose of the proposed project.	
11	Alternatives Considered: Considering the purpose and need described above, provide a description of alternatives that were considered during project planning but were not selected (e.g., alternative locations, design, scope, etc.). Explain why this proposed project and site is preferred and why other alternatives were rejected.	

Explain "YES" and "Unknown" answers in the Additional Comments section.

GROUND DISTURBANCE		YES	NO	Unknown
12	Will the project involve land/ground disturbance? If yes, answer 12a-12e below.			
12a	Total area of ground disturbance (acres or square feet).			
12b	Has construction or demolition associated with the project already begun, to include any portions of the project intended for use as matching funds?			
12c	Total area of the project site that is currently impervious (pavement, buildings, etc.) in acres or square feet.			
12d	Total area of the project site that will be impervious once project is completed (acres or sq. ft.)			
12e	Will the project relocate excavated material off site? If yes, how much and where is it going?			
12f	Will contaminated soil and/or groundwater be disturbed? If so, how will it be managed?			
LAND USE		YES	NO	Unknown
13	Will the project result in a change in activities, land use, or zoning occurring at the site or facility?			
AIR QUALITY		YES	NO	Unknown
14	Is the project area in non-attainment for any criteria pollutants according to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the Clean Air Act?			
14a	Will the project cause air emissions such as construction exhaust, dust, suspended particles, or other air pollutants during construction or operations?			
14b	Will the project involve the removal, modification, or addition of an air emitting device (e.g., boilers, generators, or refrigerant containing equipment) or require a Clean Air Act permit?			
14c	Will the project install or remove a petroleum storage tank?			
14d	Will the completed project result in a substantial increase of CO2 or other greenhouse gasses that may impact the global climate?			
WATER QUALITY		YES	NO	Unknown
15	Will stormwater pollution prevention measures be required during and/or after construction?			
15a	Will National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or Clean Water Act permits be required?			
15b	Will wastewater be generated during construction and/or after the project is complete?			
15c	Will shoreline, streams, groundwater, surface water bodies, or wetlands be disturbed or indirectly impacted during construction or as a result of the project?			
15c	Is the project located within a 100-year floodplain?			
15d	Does the project involve dredging?			
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES		YES	NO	Unknown
16	Is the project proposed to be built on previously undeveloped land?			
16a	Will the project affect endangered or threatened species or their habitat, occur in areas with known invasive species infestations, affect migratory birds or bald/golden eagles, or affect plant or animal critical habitat?			
16b	Will trees be removed?			
16c	Will consultation with the US Fish & Wildlife Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act be required for this project?			
CULTURAL RESOURCES & TRIBAL CONSULTATION		YES	NO	Unknown
17	Will the project involve ground disturbance or occupancy in an area of known or suspected cultural, archaeological, or historical significance?			
17a	Will the project involve demolition or alteration of buildings or structures that are greater than 50 years old or that are historic, defined as eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places?			

17b	Will consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal governments, Native Hawaiian Organizations, or Alaska Natives under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act be required for this project?			
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TRAFFIC AND NOISE		YES	NO	Unknown
18	Will the project generate or increase vehicular traffic?			
18a	Will there be a requirement to construct, reroute, or alter roadways?			
18b	Will there be new or increased activity as a result of the project that could affect noise levels?			
SOCIOECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		YES	NO	Unknown
19	Does the project have the potential to adversely impact minority populations, low-income populations, and/or Indian tribes and indigenous communities?			
19a	Will the project involve any real estate transactions, including, but not limited to the acquisition or transfer of real property, easements, or rights-of-way, and/or granting of leases or licenses?			
19b	Will the project affect the demand for local community services such as schools or emergency response?			
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE OR TOXIC SUBSTANCES		YES	NO	Unknown
18	Will the project result in the disturbance of lead containing paint or asbestos containing material?			
18a	Will the project result in the use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials?			
18b	Will the project involve pesticide application (e.g., herbicide or insecticide)?			
18c	Does the site contain any aboveground or underground storage tanks?			
UTILITIES		YES	NO	Unknown
19	Will the project involve installation, repair or removal of utilities or communications systems?			

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

If awarded a DCIP grant, the grantee may also be required to comply with other applicable environmental laws. There are independent environmental requirements that support NEPA analysis but have separate consultation requirements. This includes but is not limited to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, consultation under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, etc. Consultation documentation pursuant to these requirements should inform and be included with the overall project NEPA documentation. Additional NEPA information can be found in the Council on Environmental Quality's "Citizen's Guide to NEPA" here: <https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/get-involved/citizens-guide-to-nepa-2021.pdf>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Use this section to discuss "Yes" or "Unknown" responses. Please explain the potential impacts and any mitigation measures to be proposed or considered.

