## Sample Outline for Tiering Plan

Jurisdiction of: City of Jasper

Owner Occupied Assistance

A Project Description has been completed for this project. The Responsible Entity has determined that this project will be tiered. All of the project addresses are not known. The project will be classified under Certification of Categorical Exclusion (subject to 58.5) 24 CFR 58.35(a). A tiered project allows the analysis to be completed on a geographic area to address environmental impacts that might occur, or not occur on a typical site within the area. This broad review of the geographical area will make it so the compliance factors listed will not have to be repeated on a site specific basis, once eligible individuals or families are known. No construction work will be begun until all levels of this tiered review are completed.

## **Level I or the Broad Review:**

- 1. Characteristics of the targeted area.
  - a. Established residential sites
  - b. Schools, Churches, Hospitals, Transportation, etc. are available in the area
  - c. Small town atmosphere
  - d. The geographic area is defined as within the city limits of Jasper
- 2. Targeted population.
  - a. Individuals or families living in sub-standard housing
  - b. Elderly citizens
  - c. Physically or mentally challenged
- 3. Limitations of the project.
  - a. Assistance will be given to (5) individuals or families
  - b. Broad review will be careful to verify this project does not impact the local environment not only for its well being, but the project is limited to \$55,000 per household assisted.
  - c. This review will be carried out by the staff of the City of Jasper and will be completed by August 31, 2006
- 4. The following compliance factors will be analyzed in this broad review:
  - a. Safe Drinking Water Act
  - b. Sole Source Aquifers
  - c. Endangered Species Act
  - d. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
  - e. Clean Air Act
  - f. Farmland Protection Policy Act

- g. Floodplain Management
- h. Wetland Protection
- i. Coastal Zone Management Act
- j. Environmental Justice
- 5. A Notice of Intent/Request for the Release of Funds will now be published for comment by the public. At the end of the comment period, a Request for the Release of Funds certification will be completed and submitted to TDHCA for the Federal objection period and then the issuing of the Authority to Use Grant Funds.

## **Level II or the Site Specific Review**

## At the conclusion of the Level I broad review, the Responsible Entity found that none of the compliance factors analyzed triggered any further review or mitigation.

All (5) eligible project activities have been identified. A site specific review will be carried out for each activity. A site specific checklist has been developed and the following compliance factors will be analyzed for each activity:

- 1. Historic Preservation
- 2. Noise Abatement and Control
- 3. Explosive and Flammable Operations
- 4. Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials
- 5. Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones

If impacts that cannot be fully mitigated or corrected are identified during the site-specific reviews, then that site will be treated as a separate project and the process of environmental review and publishing or posting notices will be carried out for that individual site.

If there are no impacts or impacts will be fully mitigated during construction on an individual site, then that project will proceed without further notice to the public.

Each site specific checklist will be submitted to TDHCA for review.