

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
CENTRAL REGION AIRPORTS DIVISION
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Refer to Instruction Page Prior to Completing this Checklist.

Airport Name: _____ Airport Identifier: _____

Airport Location: _____

Project Title: _____ Date: _____

APPLICABILITY:

Only if the sponsor's proposed project meets the following two (2) criteria, should this Categorical Exclusion Checklist be used:

- a) The proposed project is a federal action subject to NEPA. List applicable paragraph number from FAA Order 5050.4B, Chapter 1, paragraph 9g: _____
- b) The proposed project is identified as one that can be categorically excluded. List applicable category from FAA Order 1050.1E, paragraphs 307 through 312:

Also, see Tables 6-1 and 6-2 in FAA Order 5050.4B: _____

- If action is listed in Table 6-1, complete project description, go to page 4 and sign certification. No further review is necessary.
- If action is listed in Table 6-2, complete remainder of this checklist.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

List and clearly describe all components of project proposal, including all connected actions. Include a summary of existing conditions at project site. Attach site map identifying project area and delineating the project.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW:

Review the following list. For each yes response, provide an attachment describing the impact and documentation of consultation with resource agencies, if required (See FAA Order 1050.1E, paragraph 304, and Order 5050.4B, Table 6-3 for additional information. Categories with an asterisk (*) signify an associated special purpose law or Executive Order outside of NEPA and that the appropriate agency or tribal government may need to be consulted. (See 5050.4B, paragraph 607(b)(2)).

1. AIR QUALITY*

See order 5050.4B and the 1997 FAA Handbook, "Air Quality Procedures for Civilian Airports and Air Force Bases." Contact air quality agencies as appropriate.

- a) Is the proposed project located in a nonattainment or maintenance area for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established under the Clean Air Act and does it result in direct emissions? If Yes, go to b); No go to d). Yes ___ No ___
- b) Is the proposed project an "exempted action," as defined in 40 C.F.R. Part 93.150 of the General Conformity Rule or presumed to conform? If Yes, go to d); No go to c). Yes ___ No ___
- c) Will the proposed project result in a net total of direct and indirect emissions that exceed the threshold levels of the regulated air pollutants for which the project area is in nonattainment or maintenance? Attach emissions inventory. If Yes, consult FAA Central Region; No go to d). Yes ___ No ___
- d) Is the airport's activity level below FAA thresholds for requiring a NAAQS analysis? See Figure 1 of the Air Quality Handbook. If Yes, go to f), No go to e) Yes ___ No ___
- e) Do pollutant concentrations exceed NAAQS thresholds? Attach emissions inventory. Yes ___ No ___
- f) Is an air quality analysis needed with regard to state indirect source review? Yes ___ No ___

2. NOISE* AND COMPATIBLE LAND USE

- a) Does the forecast of operations exceed 90,000 annual adjusted propeller operations or 700 annual adjusted jet operations? If Yes, continue; No go to 3). Yes ___ No ___
- b) If, Yes, will the proposed project have an impact on noise levels over noise sensitive areas within the DNL 65 dBA noise contour? Attach explanation and noise exposure maps. Yes ___ No ___

3. SOCIAL IMPACTS/ SOCIO-ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- a) Is the proposed project consistent with plans, goals, policies, or controls that have been adopted for the area in which the airport is located? Yes ___ No ___
- b) Will the proposed project lead to disruption or dividing of communities? Yes ___ No ___
- c) Will the proposed project cause relocation of any people, homes or businesses? Yes ___ No ___
- d) Does the proposed project require a road closure or relocation? If yes, provide correspondence with agency having jurisdiction over the road. Yes ___ No ___
- e) Will the proposed project cause significant lighting or visual impacts on residential areas or commercial use of business properties? Yes ___ No ___
- f) Will the proposed project have a disproportionate impact to low-income or minority populations? Yes ___ No ___

4. CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

Will the proposed project produce construction impacts? If Yes, explain how the impacts will be mitigated. Yes ___ No ___

5. SECTION 4(F)* and SECTION 6(F)*

Does the proposed project have an impact on any publicly owned land from a public park, recreation area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge of national, state, or local significance, or an historic site of national, state, or local significance? If Yes, contact FAA Central Region and the appropriate agency and attach record of consultation. Yes ___ No ___

6. FARMLANDS*

Does the project involve acquisition of farmland or use of farmland protected by the Federal Farmland Protection Policy Act that would be converted to non-agricultural use? If Yes, attach record of coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, including Form AD-1006. Yes ___ No ___

7. ENDANGERED SPECIES* (Fish, Wildlife and Plants)

- a) Will the proposed project impact any federally or state-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species (ESA) of flora and fauna or impact critical habitat? Attach record of correspondence with federal and state agencies as appropriate. Yes ___ No ___
- b) Will the proposed project affect species protected under the Migratory Bird Act? Yes ___ No ___
- c) Will the proposed project affect other biotic communities or habitat not ESA protected? Yes ___ No ___

8. FLOODPLAINS*

- a) Will the proposed project cause an encroachment or impacts to the 100-year base floodplain? If yes, opportunity for public review is required. Yes ___ No ___
- b) Will the project involve acquiring FEMA buyout property? Yes ___ No ___

9. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS*

Will the proposed project involve existing hazardous materials or cause potential contamination from hazardous materials? If Yes, attach record of consultation with EPA. Yes ___ No ___

10. HISTORIC, ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHEOLOGICAL OR CULTURAL RESOURCES*

Will the proposed project impact any historic or cultural property or resources protected by the National Historic Preservation Act? Consult with FAA Central Region and contact State and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s). Attach record of consultation. Yes ___ No ___

11. ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND SOLID WASTE

- a) Will the project have a significant impact on energy or other natural resource consumption? Yes ___ No ___
- b) Will the operation and/or construction of the project generate significant amounts of solid waste? Yes ___ No ___

12. WATER QUALITY*

Does the proposed project have the potential to impact water quality, including ground water, surface water bodies, and public water supply system or federal, state or tribal water quality standards? If Yes, contact appropriate agency. Yes ___ No ___

13. U.S. WATERS/WETLANDS*

- a) Does the proposed project involve federal or state regulated or non-jurisdictional wetlands? Contact Corps of Engineers or state agency. Yes ___ No ___
- b) If Yes, does the project qualify for a Corps of Engineers General Permit? Yes ___ No ___

14. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS*

Will the proposed project affect a river segment that is listed in the Wild and Scenic River System or National Rivers Inventory? If Yes, coordinate with the jurisdictional agency and attach record of consultation. Yes ___ No ___

15. INCONSISTENCY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Is the proposed project likely to be inconsistent with any federal, state, local, or tribal law relating to the environmental aspects of the project? Yes ___ No ___

16. HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL ACTION

Is the proposed project likely to be highly controversial on environmental grounds? Yes ___ No ___

17. WILDLIFE HAZARDS

Will the proposed project be located near or create a wildlife hazard as defined in FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33, "Wildlife Hazards on and near Airports"? Yes ___ No ___

Project Title/Airport Three-Letter Identifier:

PREPARER CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information I have provided, to the best of my knowledge, is correct.

Signature

Date

Name, Title

Affiliation

AIRPORT SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided, to the best of my knowledge, is correct. I also recognize and agree that no construction activity, including but not limited to site preparation, demolition, or land disturbance, shall proceed for the above proposed project(s) until Central Region FAA issues a final environmental decision for the proposed project(s), and until compliance with all other applicable FAA approval actions (e.g., ALP approval, airspace approval, grant approval) has occurred.

Signature

Date

Name, Title

For Central Region FAA Use Only:

FAA DECISION:

Having reviewed the above information, certified by the responsible airport official, it is the FAA decision that the proposed development project has been found to qualify for a Categorical Exclusion from preparation of a formal environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Signature of Responsible FAA Official

Date

Name, Title

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAA CENTRAL REGION AIRPORTS DIVISION

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST

This checklist was prepared by FAA Central Region Airports Division and is intended for proposed projects in the Central Region only.

Introduction:

This checklist replaces the previous version of the Categorical Exclusion checklist. Its purpose is to evaluate the appropriateness of using a Categorical Exclusion of airport projects to comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The checklist is based upon guidance in FAA Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B, which incorporate the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA, as well as US Department of Transportation environmental regulations and many other federal statutes and regulations designed to protect the Nation's natural, historic, cultural, and archeological resources, etc. The information provided by sponsors and their consultants through the use of this checklist enables the FAA Central Region to evaluate compliance with NEPA and the applicable special purpose laws. All projects proposed for funding under the Airport Improvement Program require environmental processing. The collection of information under the Airport Grants Program is addressed by OMB control number 2120-0569.

Use:

FAA Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B provides FAA agency-wide and FAA Office of Airports policies and procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). It is necessary for the airport sponsor to assist the FAA in carrying out its responsibilities under NEPA, which includes determining whether the proposed project requires the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement, or whether the proposed project can be excluded from this requirement. Therefore, it is necessary for the airport sponsor to advise the FAA whether the proposed project falls into one of these exclusions listed in these Orders. Even though the airport sponsor may determine that a proposed project may or may not fall within a categorical exclusion, the FAA may determine that an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is necessary for a proposed project should substantial controversy on environmental grounds exist or if other extraordinary conditions or circumstances are present that may cause such project to have significant environmental impacts.

Sponsors of airport development projects must demonstrate that the proposed project(s) is/are specifically listed in FAA Order 1050.1E, Chapter 3, and that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. Sufficient documentation will enable Central Region FAA to make that determination. Direct any questions to the Central Region Environmental Program Manager.

Use this checklist in conjunction with applicable orders, laws, and guidance documents and in consultation with the appropriate resource agencies. Sponsors and their consultants should review the requirements of special purpose laws (See 5050.4B, Table 1-1, for a summary of applicable laws). Sufficient documentation is necessary to enable Central Region FAA to insure compliance with all applicable environmental requirements. Accordingly, any required consultations, findings, or determinations by federal and state agencies, or tribal governments, are to be coordinated and completed, if necessary, prior to submitting this checklist to FAA Central Region for review. We encourage sponsors to begin coordination with these entities as early as possible to provide for sufficient review time. Complete information will help FAA Central Region expedite its review. Be sure to attach appropriate documentation, plans, maps, etc., with this checklist.

Availability:

An electronic version of this Categorical Exclusion Checklist is available at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/central/>. Other sources of environmental information including guidance and regulatory documents are available on-line at <http://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/>.