

South Dakota

Applicant's Guide to Providing Environmental Review Information

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Applicant Name and Type of Project

A) Project Description

B) Location

C) Photos and Maps

Street Map

Aerial Map

Project Site Photos – North, East, South, West

Other: _____

D) Present Land Use

E) Historic Properties

F) Other Resources

Preparer:

Date:

(See Instructions attached)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INFORMATION

The purpose of this part is to ensure that the Agency complies with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), and other applicable environmental requirements in order to make better decisions based on an understanding of the environmental consequences of proposed actions, and take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the quality of the human environment. Failure to provide sufficient data will delay agency review and a decision on the processing of your application.

A) Project Description:

- Explain the entire scope of work/description of the proposed action, including the direct and indirect Areas of Potential Affect (APE)
 - o Include all ancillary facilities such as access roads, placement of utilities, pipe sizes, additional outbuildings, fences, material borrow areas, staging areas, land purchase, easements/rights-of-way procurement, and proposed clearing, grading, excavation, paving, new construction, utility installations, fencing, etc.
- Describe the size of the project and the amount of land being disturbed, if applicable.

B) Location:

- Include the address, legal address description, or the general location

C) Photos and Maps:

- Street Map and Aerial Map with project marked
- Photos of the project site, including photos facing North, East, South and West
- If available, include any relevant drawings, architectural renderings, building specifications, etc.

D) Present land use:

- What is the land's current purpose?
- Who owns the land?
- Has the land been previously disturbed? If the project site has been previously disturbed include a brief explanation of ground disturbance

E) Historic Properties:

- If the project involves an existing building, list the year it was constructed
- Is the project located at a historic site or near any known historic sites?
 - o If yes, list the name of the historic property and state whether or how it will be affected

F) Other Resources:

- Explain if the undertaking will directly or indirectly impact any other resources, including:
 - o Wetlands, Floodplains, Important Farmlands (outside city limits), Formally Classified Lands, Threatened or Endangered Species, Critical Habitats, Low Income and Minority populations, and Sole Source Aquifers
- Explain if the undertakings will cause any other environmental conditions related to:
 - o Noise, hazardous waste, transportation concerns, air quality, aesthetics, etc.

Applicant proposals must avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts on all of the above resources. The Agency shall not fund a proposal causing adverse impacts unless there is a demonstrated, significant need for the proposal and no practicable alternatives exist.

The Agency may request additional Environmental documentation from the applicant at any time, specifically if the Agency determines that extraordinary circumstances may exist.