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INDOT Environmental Services Division, Environmental Policy Office has a couple of updates concerning Environmental Justice (EJ) census data, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) property list, Design Memo 20-05 concerning Stormwater Quality Manager (SWQM) level determination and new Environmental Consultation Form (ECF), and Early Coordination with IDNR-Division of Fish and Wildlife.

EJ Update:

The US Census Bureau is no longer supporting census data on American FactFinder. As a result, the steps necessary to obtain the demographic data used in EJ Screening is available on the INDOT [Environmental Policy website](#). This is updated guidance on accessing census data as previously outlined on pages 3 through 19 of the INDOT guidance entitled, *Environmental Justice in NEPA Documentation Process* (2012). Going forward, please use the updated steps in gathering your demographic data. The new census data website is <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>

LWCF Update:

There is a disclaimer note that was added to the spreadsheet concerning the Heritage Program under various counties. There are several properties that were acquired by the Heritage Program that were not reflective in the list. If a project requires the acquisition of publicly owned land, coordination should occur with IDNR Outdoor Recreation. The [LWCF property list](#) for Indiana can be viewed on the [Environmental Policy website](#)

SWQM Level and ECF Update:

[Design Memo 20-05](#), which supersedes Design Memo 16-11, was recently released that covered revisions to both the SWQM level determination and a new ECF.

The SWQM level determination will now be made at Stage 2 design or equivalent submittal. The designer will make a recommendation and INDOT Environmental Services Division, Environmental Policy Office will concur or recommend another level. For projects that have already passed Stage 2 design, the request for a SWQM Level can be sent to [stormwater@indot.in.gov](mailto:stormwater@indot.in.gov).

There is a new ECF that will be required to be completed for contracts that let after September 1, 2020. Projects beyond Stage 2 development and that let on or after September 1, 2020, should ensure that SWQM Level information is accurately reflected and use the revised forms where practical.

Early Coordination Recipient List:

It was brought to our attention that the Early Coordination Recipient list had an incorrect hyperlink for coordination with IDNR-Division of Fish and Wildlife [environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov](mailto:environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov). When clicking the link, it provided an incorrect email address (missing the L). This has since been corrected, however, if you have not received a response from IDNR- Division of Fish and Wildlife through early coordination, please check to ensure you had the correct email address [environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov](mailto:environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov). Sending to the incorrect email address does not bounce the email back as non-deliverable. The Early Coordination Recipient List can be found on the [Environmental Policy website](#)

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