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Standard Language for Categorical Exclusions (Template)

In an effort for consistency in NEPA documents, INDOT Environmental Services Division along with assistance from the Federal Highway Administration and INDOT District Environmental Section's have developed a standard language template for the various sections of the NEPA document. All new environmental document submittals after March 1, 2019, should follow the new template language. The CE Manual is being updated (late spring 2019) and will reference the new standard language. The format of the new standard language allows for updates on a more frequent basis. ListServ announcements will be provided on any updates to the standard language. NEPA documents submitted prior to March 1, 2019, are not required to be updated with the new standard language though it may save time and effort depending on the comments received.

The Standard Language template can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2523.htm>

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Documents

Projects that are developed, designed, and constructed using state funds/grants with no federal funding must comply with State Environmental Policy Act (IC 13-12-4). Depending on the range of impacts from the project, it may qualify for a State Categorical Exemption or may require a State Environmental Assessment or State Environmental Impact Statement as defined in 327 IAC 11-1. SEPA documentation formats (sample Categorical Exemption, State Environmental Assessment form) can be found at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2523.htm>

Should you have any questions concerning standard language or SEPA documentation, please contact INDOT Environmental Services Division or the appropriate INDOT District Environmental Section.

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