

NBRC NEPA INTAKE FORM

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that federal agencies consider the potential environmental impacts of their actions before implementation or spending funds on the proposed action. You must complete this initial NEPA Intake Form as part of your NBRC application to provide NBRC Staff with project information relevant to the NEPA process. Please provide attachments to support the information provided on this form, as needed. **The NIF and all supplementation documentation supporting the NIF should be combined as one PDF and uploaded to the GMS, labeled as NEPA Intake Form.**

Note: Completion of this form does not satisfy NEPA, but it does help NBRC to determine what NEPA analysis will be required. If your project is funded, the NEPA process must be complete before NBRC will issue a Notice to Proceed.

Entity applying for funding:			
Point of contact (POC):			Date:
Project / NEPA Status Overview			
Has this project been awarded other state/federal funding? (See two rows below if anticipated) <i>If yes, please list the other federal funders here and provide agency POC contact information (include attachment if the space provided below is not sufficient):</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency #1: Funding Program: POC Name: POC Email:	Agency #2: Funding Program: POC Name: POC Email:	Agency #3: Funding Program: POC Name: POC Email:	
Does this project anticipate receiving other federal/state funding (but has not received confirmation yet)? <i>If yes, please list the other state/federal funders, the funding program (if known), and the anticipated date for notification of funding decision:</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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<p>Is a NEPA process currently underway or complete for this project as required by <u>other federal funding</u>? <i>If yes, please fill in the following information:</i> Federal Agency: POC at Agency: POC Email Address: Status of NEPA (e.g., in progress, complete):</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Are there any other environmental review processes, consultations, or permits underway? <i>If yes, please fill in the following information:</i> Agency: POC at Agency: POC Email Address: Status (e.g., in progress, complete):</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Are there any ongoing or planned projects in the proposed project area? <i>If yes, please provide a description of these projects:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Is this project dependent on the completion of another project and/or are there any other projects that cannot move forward without the completion of this project? <i>If yes, please provide a brief description of these other projects (include attachment if the space provided below is not sufficient):</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Has any public outreach or engagement work been done for this project? <i>If yes, please provide a brief description of this work:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Is there any known or anticipated public controversy that would result from the implementation of the project activities (i.e., a public dispute over the proposed land use)? <i>If yes, please provide more information:</i></p>	

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What is the anticipated timeline for starting project implementation?

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Project Description

Location of the proposed action (address and/or GPS coordinates):

The project description provided here should be different from the description provided previously in the NBRC Grant Application. For the purposes of NEPA, the project description should focus on what will physically be taking place in order to carry out the proposed project. If applicable and available, please provide site photos as an attachment to this form. **Please include all components of the project, including those that are *not* funded by NBRC.**

For example, if your project involves the renovation of an existing facility to repurpose the space to be used as a business incubator space, you should provide details of what renovation activities will be taking place (ex. demolition of walls to update the existing layout, installing new equipment, electrical upgrades, and any exterior/landscaping that may be part of the scope of work, including if any vegetation will be removed), the amount of square footage that will be renovated, and the anticipated timeframe of construction. If your project does not involve construction, you should detail specifically what the NBRC funds would be paying for and what will take place as a result. For example, if your project is providing technical assistance to small dairy farmers to support the transition to organic products, you would note that NBRC funds would pay for consultants and that technical assistance would consist of performing site visits to dairy farms, developing recommendation reports for farmers, and performing associated administrative tasks.

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ADDITIONAL PROJECT QUESTIONS

Question	Response	Explanation
<p>Will any digging or excavation occur during the project? If yes, please describe the nature of this activity and the estimated depth.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>Does the project involve work to existing structure(s)? If yes, <u>please provide the age of the structure.</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>Have there been any known flooding events in or near the project location? If yes, please describe.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>Will any trees be removed during the project? If yes, please provide the number (or acreage) of trees to be removed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>Are there any schools, residences, libraries, hospitals, or other care facilities near the project site? If yes, please describe and approximate the distance to the project site</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>Please provide the anticipated months for construction (e.g., May–Oct).</p>		
<p>If the project involves the acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements, please provide the estimated change in size or capacity of the facility, (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets, restoring a building, etc.)</p>		

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Verify No Potential to Effect, No Historic Properties Affected, No Adverse Effect To Historic Properties</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act</u></p> <p>a. Are Historical Properties present (ME, NH, NY, VT) (may require consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office)?</p> <p>b. Are Archaeological sites present (ME, NH, NY, VT) (may require consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Endangered Species Act Section 7; Marine Mammal Protection Act; State Agencies (ME, NH, NY, or VT)</u></p> <p>a. Will the project affect federal or state threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate species, or designated critical habitat?</p> <p><u>Please attach the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service iPAC (Information and Planning and Consultation) report and maps for supporting documentation</u></p> <p>b. Will the project avoid impacts on bird species protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (<i>refer to the iPAC report</i>)?</p> <p>c. Will the project avoid impacts on species protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle protection Act (<i>refer to the iPAC report</i>)?</p> <p>d. Will the project impact marine critical habitat designated and managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	

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<p>e. Does the project have potential to introduce, spread, or contribute to the continued existence of invasive species?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p><u>AIR QUALITY</u> <i>Project location's attainment/nonattainment/maintenance status, state implementation plan status, permits required, emissions.</i></p> <p><i>Clean Air Act 40 CFR Parts 6.51, & 93; Sections 176(c) and (d)</i></p>		
<p>a. Is the project located in a USEPA Criteria Pollutant Attainment / Non-Attainment / Maintenance status Area? (attach a Map) (ME, NH, NY, VT) <i>*Vermont is in attainment status for all USEPA Criteria Pollutants</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>b. If yes to 'a.' above, does the state have a State Implementation Plan (SIP) (ME, NH, NY, *VT)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>c. Will construction operations significantly contribute to SIP emissions?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>d. Will an air quality Permit to Construct and/or Permit to Operate be required (ME, NH, NY, VT)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p><u>WETLANDS / WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES</u> <i>Clean Water Act Section 404 and Section 401</i></p>		
<p>a. Are wetlands present on the project site(s)? <i>If yes, please attach a U.S. Fish & Wildlife National Wetland Inventory map, a state wetlands map (ME, NH, NY, VT), and a NRCS soils map (Inst.)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>b. If yes, is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or state permit required? (ME / NH / NY / VT)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	

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<p>c. Does the project propose any dredging or filling of waters of the United States?</p> <p>1. If yes, is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide General Permit (New York) / New England required?</p> <p>2. If yes, is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit required?</p> <p>3. If yes, is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit required?</p> <p>4. If yes, is a state 401 Water Quality Certification Required (ME / NH / NY / VT)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	
<p><u>SURFACE WASTER RESOURCES</u> <u>Clean Water Act Section 402 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System</u></p>		
<p>a. Are Federal or state (ME, NH, NY, VT) stormwater permits required? Please attach a copy of permit if already obtained?</p> <p>b. Is a wastewater permit required (ME, NH, NY, VT)? Please attach copy of permit if already obtained.</p> <p>c. Is a drinking water permit required (ME, NH, NY, VT)? Please attach copy of permit if already obtained.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GROUNDWATER RESOURCES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Safe Drinking Water Act - 40 CFR Part 141 Ground Water Rule</u></p> <p>a. Is the project located within a <u>Sole Source Aquifer</u>?</p> <p>b. Is the project located within a Wellhead Protection Area (<u>ME</u>, <u>NH</u>, <u>NY</u>, <u>VT</u>)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>40 CFR Part 312 All Appropriate Inquiries</u></p> <p><i>Document any history of hazardous materials, substances or wastes that may have been released at, generated by, or required for, the operation of a facility proposed for purchase or lease in the context of a real estate transaction. The environmental condition of the property must be evaluated to obtain certain protections from liability under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) as an innocent landowner, contiguous property owner, or bona fide prospective purchaser.</i></p> <p>a. Indicate whether a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) or other environmental due diligence procedures have been completed on the project site within the past 180 days, if applicable.</p> <p>b. Was Hazardous Waste historically or currently present and/or proposed for future generations as part of the project?</p> <p>c. Were Hazardous Materials historically or currently present and/or proposed for future use as part of the project?</p> <p>d. Were Aboveground or Underground Storage Tanks historically or currently present and/or proposed for future use as part of the project?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	

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<p>e. Was Lead-based Paint (LBP) historically or currently present and/or proposed for future use as part of the project?</p> <p>f. Was Asbestos historically or currently present and/or proposed for future use as part of the project?</p> <p>g. Was Mold historically or currently present and/or proposed for future use as part of the project?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	
<p><u>NOISE</u> <i>National Environmental Policy Act of 1969</i></p>		
<p>a. Please describe the ambient noise environment.</p> <p>b. Are any adverse noise impacts anticipated from construction and/or operation of the project?</p> <p>c. If adverse noise impacts are anticipated, distance from sensitive noise receptors (e.g. schools, hospitals, residences)?</p> <p>d. Are there any noise regulations or ordinances that apply?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	
<p><u>TRANSPORTATION</u> <i>42 CFR Part 771 Environmental Impact and Related Procedures</i></p>		
<p>a. Are existing facilities and routes (road, rail, air) adversely impacted by the project?</p> <p>b. Is there a need for road realignments, signalization, increased delay times or project relocation to avoid adverse impact(s)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	

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<p>c. Are there any transportation studies relevant to the project? If yes, <i>attach documentation.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p><u>VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT</u> <u>National Environmental Policy Act of 1969</u></p>		
<p>a. Are visually sensitive areas or landscape features in the vicinity of the project?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>b. If yes, identify visual impacts including structure heights, viewing angles, and screening between the project & sensitive area?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p><u>COASTAL AREAS</u> <u>Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990</u></p>		
<p>a. Is the project located in a Coastal Zone Management Area (CZMA) [New Hampshire; Maine]?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
<p>b. Is the project located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Area (CBRA)?:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	

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