

Environmental Review Documents

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For the Agency to consider an application, the application must include all environmental review documents with supporting documentation in accordance with 7 CFR part 1970.

Any required environmental review must be completed prior to obligation of funds; as per 7 CFR 1970.11(b).

Applicants are advised to contact the Agency/RD State Office/State Environmental Coordinator to determine environmental requirements as soon as practicable to ensure adequate review time for their proposed projects.

Project characteristics should help determine the type of environmental review required.

- Projects replacing/installing E15/E25 fuel dispensers, but no Underground Storage Tanks and Systems (USTS) related activity should qualify as Categorical Exclusion (Cat. Ex.) without a report. 7 CFR 1970.53(c) refers to upgrading equipment in existing structures.
- Projects replacing/installing USTS, the use of 7 CFR 1970.53(c)(2) is appropriate; Cat. Ex., without a report.
- For new UST installations, the use of 7 CFR 1970.54(c)(13) is appropriate. This assumes in both cases that there is no extraordinary circumstance present that would elevate the level of environmental review per 7 CFR 1970.52.

Applicants are advised in all cases of new facilities construction to contact RD State/State Environmental Coordinator to determine environmental requirements as soon as practicable.