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Expedited PNDF Process for Projects

This directive supersedes [PPD-2017-1](#) Expedited PNDF Process for Projects. The goal of the expedited PNDF Process is to quickly determine whether resource coordination or a permit is needed for certain project types, especially those which involve minimal ground disturbance. Project types that typically fall within the Expedited PNDF process are as follows:

- **A PNDF submittal is not required for the following eleven (11) project types:**
 1. Pavement Preservation (mill/fill only)
 2. Crack Sealing
 3. Pavement Markings
 4. Rumble Strip
 5. Channel Post Signing (wrong way, multiway stop, school warning, pedestrian crossing, Non-mechanical railroad crossing, reference location (mileage), etc.)
 6. Conversion of HPS highway illumination to LED (heads & lightbulbs only-no ground disturbance involved)
 7. LED Relamping
 8. Bridge concrete sealing
 9. High Friction Surface Treatment
 10. Centerline rumble strip installation
 11. Guiderail replacement in same location with NO earthwork
- **A PNDF submittal is not required for the following nine (9) project types. However, if the project type is listed below AND the project falls within one of the resource categories noted below, please follow the directions given in each resource category.**
 1. Traffic Control Signals
 2. Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
 3. Sidewalk ramp installation/upgrades (ADA)
 4. Highway Signing (other than with Channel Posts)
 5. Timber ties- Replacement on Railroads
 6. Railroad Bridge Dapping Program

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- Railroad/Highway At-Grade Crossings- Upgrade can include railroad signs, flashers, gate arms, pedestrian bells- (Minimal ground disturbance involved)
- 7. Informational Message System
- 8. Overhead signs
- 9. “SPMO” (Strip, Patch, Membrane, and Overlay) repairs to bridge

Resource Categories:

The Designer must screen their project area with the [ATLAS mapper](#) to determine if the following resources are present: FEMA zone, Coastal Boundary, Aquifer Protection Area (APA), Sole Source Aquifer (SSA) Area, Public Water Supply Area, and Natural Diversity Database (NDDB). Refer to the Standard Operating Procedures “[Using ATLAS for Mapping for Expedited PNDF Projects](#)” which is located on Office of Environmental Planning’s (OEP) website under Natural Resource Planning (NRP). If the project is within one of the resource areas, follow up documentation will be required in the Contract documents.

- a) FEMA Zone: If your project is in a FEMA mapped zone A, AE, or Floodway, please contact Hydraulics and Drainage as a FM-G may be required.
- b) Coastal Boundary: If the project falls within the coastal boundary, please submit the Coastal Consistency Review (CAM) Form with project information including description, location maps, and photos to the Supervisor of the OEP’s Natural Resource Planning (NRP) Unit. The OEP NRP Unit will review, sign, and return the form to the Designer who shall include the signed CAM form in Contract documents.
- c) Aquifer Protection Area: If the project falls within an aquifer protection area, include the special provision [Section 1.10.03 Water Pollution Control Specification](#) in the Contract documents and a copy of the APA map(s) applicable to the project, with the project location identified. If there are any questions, please contact the Supervisor of the Natural Resources Unit.
- d) Sole Source Aquifer: If the project falls within a Sole Source Aquifer protection area, include the special provision [Section 1.10.03 Water Pollution Control Specification](#) in the Contract documents and a copy of the Sole Source Aquifer map, with the project location identified. If there are any questions, please contact the Supervisor of the Natural Resources Unit.
- e) Public Water Supply Area: If the project falls within a Public Water Supply Watershed area, include the special provision [Section 1.10.03 Water Pollution Control Specification](#) in the Contract documents and a copy of the Public Water Supply Watershed map, with the project location identified. If there are any questions, please contact the Supervisor of the Natural Resources Unit.
- f) Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) Area: If the project falls within a Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) area, include the following sentence in your project file: “NDDB coordination will not be required - a project of this magnitude will not have any adverse effects on any natural resources/state listed species.” If there are any questions, please contact the Supervisor of the Natural Resources Unit.
- g) If the Designer anticipates tree cutting or tree limb cutting (of trees/branches 3 inches DBH or greater) on their project, include the special provision [Section 1.10.03 Bats](#) in the Contract documents. This only applies to projects with federal funding. If there are any questions, please contact the Supervisor of the Natural Resources Unit.

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For the twenty (20) project types, no PNDF form is required to be submitted to OEP's NRP Unit. The Designer should document in the project file that no PNDF is required based on this Directive. If you are unsure if your project is eligible for this Expedited PNDF Process or want to discuss adding a project type to this Process, contact the OEP's NRP Supervisor.