

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION MATRIX

	Types of Categorical Exclusions			
Functional Areas**	CEMP	CE I	CE II	CE III*****
Right of Way Acquisition	Minor amounts**	No more than 10 acres fee simple ROW	No more than 25 acres fee simple ROW	More than 25 acres fee simple ROW
Relocations	None	No more than 5 relocations	No more than 10 relocations	More than 10 relocations
U.S. Coast Guard Section 9 Permit	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
404 Permits: Nationwide (NW) Individual (IP)	Nationwide-Yes Individual-No	Nationwide-Yes Individual-Yes*****	Nationwide-Yes Individual-Yes	Nationwide-Yes Individual-Yes
Wetland Impacts****	Less than 0.5 acres	Less than 0.5 acres	0.5 acre and above; if more than 5 acres consult with FHWA	Case-by-case determination by FHWA if impact is greater than 5 acres
Section 106 Coordination	No historic resource, other than bridges*, adversely affected	No historic resource, other than bridges*, adversely affected	No historic resource, other than bridges* adversely affected	Historic resource adversely affected but mitigated
Programmatic 4(f)	No; <i>de minimis</i> only	Yes, with DEA and FHWA approval*****	Yes, with FHWA approval	Yes
Individual 4(f)	No	No	No	Yes
Threatened and Endangered Species	No effect or not likely to adversely affect, CMOA	No effect or not likely to adversely affect, CMOA	No effect or not likely to adversely affect, CMOA	Likely to adversely affect
Federally Listed Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Yes, with DEA and FHWA approval	Yes, with FHWA approval	Yes
Conversion of 6(f) Land and Water Conservation Funds	No	No	No	Yes
Environmental Justice	No significant impacts	No significant impacts	No significant impacts	Disproportionately high and adverse
Public and Resource Agency Controversy***	No unresolved issues	No unresolved issues	No unresolved issues	No unresolved issues
Hazardous Materials	Minor amounts	Minor amounts	Minor amounts	Minor amounts
Air Quality Impacts	Meets NAAQ standards	Meets NAAQ standards	Meets NAAQ standards	Does Not Meet NAAQ standards

*For bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects, with no Section 4(f) uses, unless such use can be addressed with a *de minimis* determination or, with FHWA approval, through a programmatic evaluation.

**The significance of the impacts will be assessed on a project by project basis utilizing the context and intensity factors listed in the agreement. Also, certain circumstances within a functional area may require the approval of the Director of the Division of Environmental Analysis and consultation/approval with/by FHWA

***Document any agency or public controversy on environmental grounds. Document who is involved and, what the controversy was, how it was received and how it has been resolved or addressed. The project can proceed when all public controversy has been addressed and disclosed for review.

****Permit types dictated by acres of wetlands impacted: NWP: 01-0.5 acre and IP: 0.5 acre and above.

*****Must be approved by the Director of DEA to remain at CE I if more than one of the following apply: P4(f). Individual 404 permit, reconstruction or addition of through travel lanes > 1 mile or interchange to replace at grade intersection

*****CE III's require scope verification meetings with design, environmental, and FHWA to determine appropriate document level based on anticipated environmental impacts prior to the start of design. Most items in the CE III column can only be processed at that document level with written approval from FHWA.