

Categorical Exclusion
Appendix A
INDOT Supporting Documentation

Categorical Exclusion Level Thresholds

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Relocations	None	≤ 2	> 2	> 10
Right-of-Way¹	< 0.5 acre	< 10 acres	≥ 10 acres	≥ 10 acres
Length of Added Through Lane	None	None	Any	Any
Permanent Traffic Pattern Alteration	None	None	Yes	Yes
New Alignment	None	None	< 1 mile	≥ 1 mile ²
Wetlands	< 0.1 acre	< 1 acre	< 1 acre	≥ 1 acre
Stream Impacts*	≤ 300 linear feet of stream impacts, no work beyond 75 feet from pavement	> 300 linear feet impacts, or work beyond 75 feet from pavement	N/A	N/A
Section 4(f)	None	None	None	Any impacts
Section 6(f)	None	None	Any impacts	Any impacts
Section 106*	"No Historic Properties Affected" or falls within guidelines of Minor Projects PA	"No Adverse Effect" or "Adverse Effect"	N/A	If ACHP involved Or Historic Bridge Involvement ⁷
Noise Analysis Required	No	No	Yes ³	Yes ³
Threatened/Endangered Species	"Not likely to Adversely Affect", or Falls within Guidelines of USFWS 9/8/93 Programmatic Response	N/A	N/A	"Likely to Adversely Affect" ⁴
Sole Source Aquifer Groundwater Assessment	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Not Required	Detailed Assessment Required
Approval Level • ESM ⁵ • ES ⁶ • FHWA	Yes	Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes

*These thresholds have changed from the March 2011 Manual.

¹Permanent and/or temporary right-of-way.

²If the length of the new alignment is equal to or greater than one mile, contact the FHWA's Air Quality/Environmental Specialist.

³In accordance with INDOT's Noise Policy.

⁴If the project is considered Likely to Adversely Affect Threatened and/or Endangered Species, INDOT and the FHWA should be consulted to determine whether a higher class of document is warranted.

⁵Environmental Scoping Manager

⁶Environmental Services Division

⁷Any involvement with a bridge processed under the Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement