

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (EHP) GREENSHEET FOR DR-4821/4830-GEORGIA



INTRODUCTION

FEMA eligibility review for funding projects require compliance with environmental planning and historic preservation laws and Executive Orders (EOs). Early identification of projects with potential compliance issues and coordination with appropriate federal, state, tribal, and local regulatory agencies is needed to anticipate and expedite review, approval, and funding of projects.

FEMA's Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) specialists are available to assist you, the subrecipient, in gathering information for informed decision-making during project development and implementation. EHP provides technical assistance and support through the Public Assistance (PA) Program Delivery Manager (PDMG) or other designated points of contact (POCs). Should you have questions regarding your project please direct those questions to the designated PDMG and the State Emergency Management Agency's designated POCs who will in turn advise the assigned EHP specialist.

ALL PROJECTS REQUIRE EHP COMPLIANCE REVIEW

NOTE: Even if a project repairs a facility back to pre-disaster condition, federal, state, and local laws still apply. The following often require additional documentation or request for information:

Involving improved projects, new construction, hazard mitigation, or scope of work (SOW) changes.

Affecting buildings, structures, sites, objects, or districts that are 45 years or older, historic landmarks of any age and any work resulting in soil movement or change to the pre-disaster footprint.

Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Policy Considerations ([FEMA FFRMS Information](#))

Actions that involve new construction, substantial improvement, or repair of substantial damage, whether in or out of a wetland or Special Flood Hazard Area, may require an FFRMS floodplain determination. Applicants should work with the FEMA Point of Contact to determine if this policy is applicable to their project and how the FFRMS floodplain should be determined. Where applicable, this Policy also requires incorporation of nature-based solutions when possible. Additional details on this Policy can be found at the FEMA FFRMS webpage ([Link above](#)).

Work in or near environmentally sensitive like barrier islands, conservation easements, fish hatcheries, preserves, state and national parks, and wildlife management areas. Also work in or near beaches, canals, lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, or other bodies of water including fishing piers.

Staging and disposal / recycling of debris including, but not limited to vegetative, construction/demolition, and hazardous materials as a result of either the disaster event or the project work.

Federally funded actions require considerations to avoid disproportionately high and adverse effects to Low Income and Minority Populations per EO 12898.

TIPS TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLIANCE PROCESS

Obtain any necessary permits prior to construction. FEMA does not obtain permits. Failure to obtain applicable permits may jeopardize federal funding.

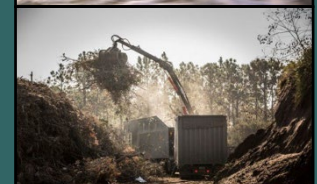
If you have existing permits, provide copies to your designated PDMG. FEMA may be able to expedite the EHP compliance review based upon existing and applicable permit documentation.

If you are unsure whether you need permits, use the contact information on the last page. Document and keep copies of any correspondence with federal or state agencies regarding permits. Attach those copies to your grant application.

Adhere to permit conditions for implementing work and utilize identified best management practices. Verify conditions met if work is completed.

EHP compliance reviews may require detailed information for assessing potential impacts. A complete and clear scope of work will minimize any clarification requests.

Providing maps or sketches of work details, site plans, area descriptions, and minimization measures (not mitigation) for proposed or completed work is very informative and cuts down on requests for information (RFI) from EHP.



CHECKLIST ITEMS

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR MOST PROJECTS:

GPS Coordinates

- Decimal degrees to five decimal places for all damaged sites
- If over 200 feet in length, the start and end coordinates
- All debris temporary staging sites
- Final disposal sites
- Source(s) of fill material (soil, gravel, rip-rap, etc.)

Dates of Construction

- All structures and buildings
- Format: Circa year, or exact built date
- Renovation dates: exterior, interior

Ground Disturbance

- Include the length, width, and depth descriptions
- Any vegetation removal and how many cubic yards?
- Within existing footprint or right-of-way?

HELPFUL DOCUMENTS/INFO TO PROVIDE:

- Site/Design Plans
- Photos of before and after damages
- Maps with ground disturbance locations identified
- Expected start and end dates
- Correspondence with regulatory authorities such as:
 - Local floodplain manager
 - U.S. Army Corps District Office(s)
 - Other state agencies such as natural resources/environmental/health departments
- Details on flood risk minimization measures and any alternatives considered

COLLECTION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS:

Temporary Debris Staging & Reduction Sites (TDSR)

- Type of surface (paved, gravel, crop fields, etc.)
- Method of reduction (chipping, burning, etc.)
- Provide any permitting documents (email, letter, or form is acceptable)

Final Disposal or Disposition of Debris

- Permitted landfill, recycling or composting site ID or Permit Number
- Burn approval from state agency
- Chipping final location
- Identify any transformers, oil, or other specials or hazardous waste

Collection, Transport, and Road Clearing

- Provide appropriate documents for cross state transport
- Method of clearing (cutting and tossing, scraping)

EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY WORK:

Sandbagging Operations

- Disposal location if sandbags were flood impacted
- If storing sandbags for further use, provide GPS coordinates of location

Disaster-wide Public Notice is available through your Public Assistance POC and posted on the State and FEMA websites.

QUICK GUIDES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Bioengineering	Debris Removal	Work-in-Water	
Roads and Bridges	Woody Debris/Root Ball	Private Property Debris Removal	Floodplain/Wetland

NOTE: This checklist may not fully apply to your projects and some states, regions, and districts require specific documents. Request additional information or send questions to your FEMA and GEMA designated Point of Contacts.

Contacts and Resources

FEMA CONTACTS:

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GA Department of Public Health

State of Georgia Building
2 Peachtree St. NW, 15th Floor
Atlanta, GA 303003
Phone: (404) 657-2700
[Georgia Department of Public Health](#)

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Suite 1456, East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: 404-656-4713
[Environmental Protection Division \(georgia.gov\)](#)

Georgia Forestry Commission

GA Forestry Commission Headquarters 5645
Riggins Mill Road
Dry Branch, GA 31020
Phone: 800-428-7337
[GeorgiaForestry Commission \(gatrees.org\)](#)

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY CONTACTS:

NOAA National Marine Fisheries (NMFS)

Protected Resources Division and Habitat Conservation
Division
263 13th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: (727) 824-5301
[Southeast | NOAA Fisheries](#)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Main Office (Athens)
355 East Hancock Ave - Room 320
Athens, GA 30601
Phone: (706) 613-9493
GAES_Assistance@FWS.gov
[Georgia Ecological Services Field Offices | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#)

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Savannah District Office
Phone: (912) 652-5893
[Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)

Jacksonville District Office
Phone: (904) 232-1177
[Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

355 East Hancock Ave - Stop Number 200
Athens, Georgia 30601
Phone: (706) 546-2272
[Georgia | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

RESOURCES:

Grants Portal
[Home | Grants Portal \(fema.gov\)](#)