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Categorical Exclusions (CEs)

We've got you covered!

Most of FHWA actions qualify for a categorical exclusion to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Categorical exclusions, or CEs, are a category of actions that don't have a significant effect on the environment.



USE

- **"C-list CEs"** (23 CFR 771.117(c)) - A list of 30 project types that normally *do not* require additional NEPA analysis including:
 - Approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility.
 - Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.
 - Emergency repairs.
 - Improvements to existing rest areas and truck weigh stations.
 - Projects that would take place entirely within the existing operational right-of-way.
 - Federally funding projects that receive less than \$6,546,000.
- Applicable to a wide range of projects including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, deployment of broadband infrastructure, electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, and emergency repairs.

CONSIDER

- Environmental impacts.
- Controversy on environmental grounds.
- Impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) or Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- Inconsistencies with any laws relating to the environmental impact.
- Other environmental permitting still applicable to categorically excluded projects, as appropriate.

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