

HUD Environmental Review

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Why Complete an Environmental Review?

Environmental Reviews are required for all HUD-assisted projects to ensure that the proposed project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property site itself will not have an adverse environmental or health effect on end users.

Federal Nexus and Choice-Limiting Actions ([24 CFR 58.22](#))

- ▶ The Federal Nexus is defined as the event that, by its occurrence, triggers the requirements for a federal Environmental Review under a host of laws, regulations, and Executive Orders.
- ▶ After the Federal Nexus, grantees are prohibited from taking new choice-limiting actions related to hard costs, including commitment or expenditure of HUD and non-HUD funds, until a satisfactory ER has been completed for the aggregated project.
- ▶ A choice-limiting action is any activity that a grantee undertakes, including committing or expending HUD or non-HUD funds, that reduces or eliminates a grantee's opportunity to choose project alternatives that would avoid or minimize environmental impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.
- ▶ If a choice-limiting action occurs, it may jeopardize HUD funding for the project.

HUD Resources

- ▶ HUD Environmental Review:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>
- ▶ HUD Region X Environmental Review:
<https://www.hud.gov/states/shared/working/r10/environment>
- ▶ Laws and Authorities:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/federal-related-laws-and-authorities/>
- ▶ Web-Based Instructional System for Environmental Review (WISER): <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/wiser/>

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