

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Activity: An action that a grantee or recipient puts forth as part of an assisted project regardless of whether it's to be borne directly by the HUD assistance or imparted by another funding source.

Certification: Environmental certification including HUD form 7015.15, containing a statement forwarded to HUD along with the RROF/C and the FONSI certifying to HUD that City of Chattanooga has satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and other related laws and authorities.

Certifying Officer: The official authorized to execute the Request for Release of Funds and Certification with the legal capacity to carry out the responsibilities of §58.13 of the federal regulations.

ERR: Environmental Review Record, an instrument documenting compliance with the environmental review requirements of NEPA and/or 24 CFR 58.

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement, (under NEPA) a detailed examination of the proposed project, the environment of the proposed project, and the relationship between the two.

FOSI: Finding of Significant Impact. If the proposed project does exceed any threshold in §58.37(b), make a FOSI in the ERR. Initiate the FOSI/EIS procedure outlined in 24 CFR Subparts F and G.

FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impact, a statement forwarded to HUD finding that the proposed project (including mitigating measures) will not adversely affect or be affected by the environment.

NEPA: The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

NOI: Notice of Intent, as in Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF).

Project: An activity, or group of integrally related activities, designed by the recipient to accomplish, in whole or in part, a specific objective.

Responsible Entity: The unit of general local government whose jurisdiction contains the project sites.

AUGF: Authority to Use Grant Funds. (Form HUD 7015.16)

RROF/C: Request for Release of Funds and Certification (Form HUD 7015.15), a statement forwarded to HUD with the FONSI (see definition above) certifying that the environmental review is complete and requesting that funds for the proposed action be released to carry out the project.

Section 106 Review: An integral part of environmental review under 24 CFR 58.5 and (Historic Properties) NEPA which determines whether a federally permitted, licensed, or funded project affects any historic resources and if so, how to minimize any negative effects. The Section 106 consultation is mandated by The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Segmenting (Parsing): Conducting an environmental review so that only parts of the project come under review, a procedure strictly forbidden by NEPA regulations and 24 CFR 58.32.

Subrecipients: Nonprofit Agencies, City Departments, CHDOs, etc....

Tiering: Conducting an environmental review in steps, commencing with a general review of the whole project, in which the ERR includes stipulated requirements for certain compliance to occur at a later time and certain documents to be attached to the ERR when it is practical to do so.

Abbreviations

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant

EA: Environmental Assessment

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

HOME: Home Investment Partnerships Program

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency