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ENGINEERING AND CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAM PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING CHECKLIST

Project Name: _____ Project Number: _____
(MDE to assign)

The purpose of this Preliminary Environmental Screening Checklist is to determine what effects, if any, the proposed project will have on the environment based on information currently available to the applicant. Circle the categories below (if applicable) under which the project may potentially qualify for an exclusion from a detailed environmental review.

- [1] Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- [2] Functional replacement of equipment or structures;
- [3] New ancillary facilities that do not increase the capacity of the existing facility;
- [4] Infiltration and Inflow corrections;
- [5] Construction of water distribution or wastewater collection systems, or both, for existing communities; (Major water distribution and sewer collection system, and projects with major environmental and/or growth impact may not qualify for a Categorical Exclusion)
- [6] Refinancing of projects previously constructed;
- [7] Projects where funding is being provided for planning.

A. Will the proposed project directly or indirectly affect the following state or federal environmental cross-cutting authorities?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
1. Prime Agricultural Areas (Farmland Protection Policy Act)	___	___	___
2. Forests, Parks, Open Space & Recreation Areas (State Reforestation requirements)	___	___	___
3. Aquifer Recharge Area or Downstream Water Supplies (Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act)	___	___	___
4. Floodplain or Wetlands - Tidal/Non-tidal (Floodplain Management, Exec. Order 11988)	___	___	___
5. Steep Slopes or other Sensitive Areas	___	___	___
6. Wilderness Areas (designated under the Wilderness Act)	___	___	___
7. Wild or Scenic Rivers (designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts)	___	___	___
8. Historical/Archeological or Natural Landmarks (National Historic Preservation Act)	___	___	___
9. Endangered or Threatened Species (Endangered Species Act)	___	___	___
10. Coastal Barriers, Zones, Shoreline, Beaches, and Dunes (Coastal Barrier Resources Act and Coastal Zone Management Act)	___	___	___
11. Critical Areas – Tidal or Non-tidal	___	___	___
12. Fish and Wildlife (Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act)	___	___	___
13. Transportation	___	___	___
14. Air Quality (Clean Air Act)	___	___	___
15. Solid Waste Management	___	___	___

For answers Yes or Unknown above, please include an explanation below based on information available to you.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
B. Will the proposed project involve:		
• a new surface/groundwater discharge, or discharge relocation?	___	___
• an increase in flow or pollutant loading at the existing facility?	___	___
• public controversy or significant increase in user rates?	___	___
• the acquisition of land or easements?	___	___

If any of the above is answered "Yes", please include an explanation based on information available to you.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
C. Have any environmental studies/engineering reports previously been completed for the proposed project? (If yes, please enclose documentation)	___	___

- D. Has the proposed project been previously subject to an environmental review by any Federal/State agency? (If yes, please provide details below) Yes No
___ ___
- E. State Growth Consistency Review: Yes No N/A
 - Is the project intended to serve existing needs only? ___ ___ ___
(i.e., will **not** include reserve capacity for new development)
 - Is the project identified in the County water and sewer plan? ___ ___ ___
 - Is the project consistent with the local land use plan? ___ ___ ___
- Is the project consistent with the visions stated in the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act of 1992? Specifically: Yes No N/A
 - a) Does the project support growth concentrated in suitable areas? ___ ___ ___
 - b) Are sensitive areas protected from adverse impact by the project? ___ ___ ___
 - c) Does the project direct growth to existing population centers and resource areas? ___ ___ ___
 - d) Does the project support the universal ethic of stewardship for the land and the Chesapeake Bay ___ ___ ___
 - e) Does the project support the conservation of resources? ___ ___ ___
 - f) Does the project encourage economic growth consistent with (a) through (e)? ___ ___ ___

For the "NO" answers above, please include an explanation based on information currently available to you.

F. Will the project be **inconsistent** with any of the following federal cross-cutting authorities? (Please check appropriate box)

Economic and Miscellaneous Authorities

- Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act
- Debarment and Suspension, Executive Order 12549
- Procurement Prohibitions under the Water Pollution
- Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Policies, Acts, Grants, or Loans

Social Policy Authorities

- Age Discrimination Act
- Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- The Drug Free Workplace Act Orders 11914 & 11250
- Women's Minority Business Enterprise, Executive
- Anti-Lobbying Provisions (40 CFR Part 30) Order 11625, 12138 & 12432
- Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898 Reauthorization and Amendment Act
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Executive
- Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246
- Section 129 of the Small Business Administration

For any box checked above, please include an explanation below based on information currently available to you.

Person Completing Form: Signature & Date _____

Name & Title _____

Based on the Department's review of the above information, the MDE Project Manager will inform you if an Environmental Information Document (EID) providing additional environmental information is necessary for this project.

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Additional Information Needed: Yes/No Date Requested _____ Date Received _____

Comments: _____

Recommendation _____ C.E. _____ FONSI _____ EIS

Rationale: _____

Project Engineer: _____ Date: _____

Division Chief: _____ Date: _____