

# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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

B. Will the proposed project involve: Yes No

- 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 are answered "Yes", please include an explanation below based on information available to you.

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

D. Has the proposed project been previously subject to an environmental review by any Federal/State agency? (If yes, please provide details below)

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 below 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**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> Debarment and Suspension, Executive Order 12549               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement Prohibitions under the Water Pollution Control Act with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants, or Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act |

**Social Policy Authorities**

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

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

Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature & Date

Printed 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Recommendation    \_\_\_\_\_ C.E.    \_\_\_\_\_ FONSI    \_\_\_\_\_ EIS

Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Project Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Chief: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_