

# Classification and Certification Process

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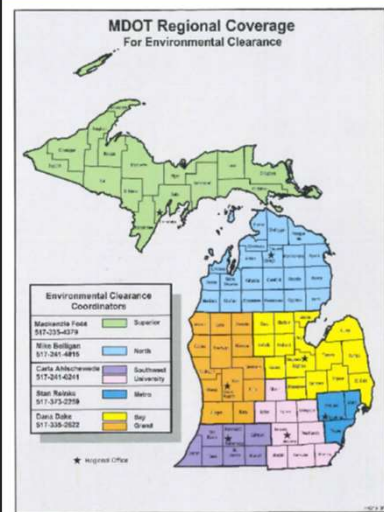
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## Environmental Clearance Coordinators

- **Carla Ahlschwede**
  - Southwest and University
- **Dana Dake**
  - Bay and Grand
- **Mackenzie Foss**
  - Superior
- **Mike Belligan**
  - North
- **Stan Reinke**
  - Metro



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# Environmental Coordinators' Role



Follow FHWA and NEPA guidelines



Ensure compliance of mitigation measures

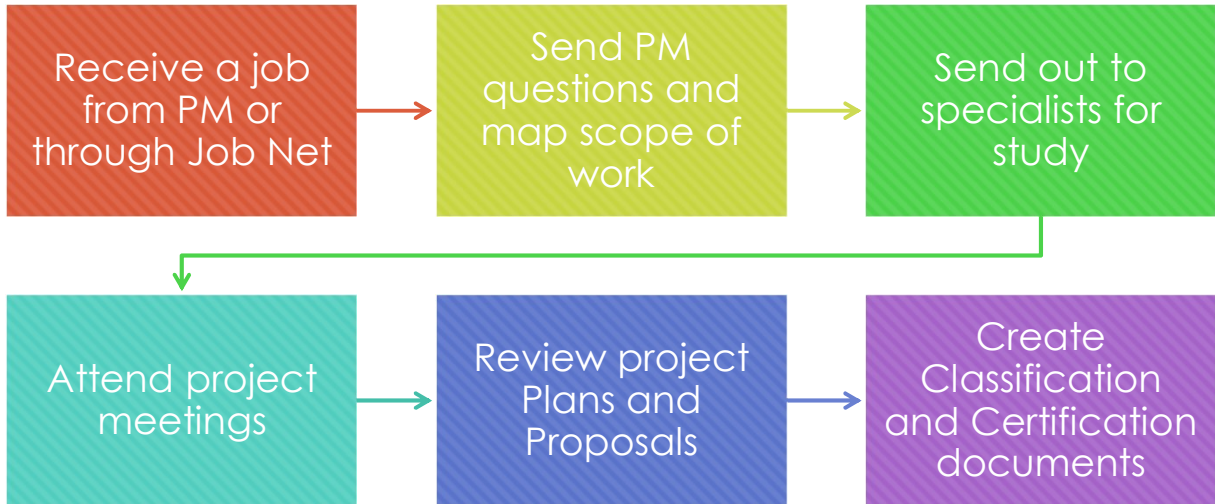


Classify and Certify Categorical Exclusions



Communicate with all members involved throughout the process

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# Steps



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# Review by Specialists



Specialists review all projects that may cause environmental impact



Specialists will reach out to PMs



May provide "If/Then" statement and mitigation for project



If the scope of work changes or area of work extended, a project **MAY** require a restudy and delay in the project schedule

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# Environmental Classification

- Given after all Specialists approved project
- ROW/Design Phase
- Mitigation measures listed in document
  - Noted in plans/proposal
  - Special Provisions
  - Permits
  - Restricted Work Areas

JOB NUMBER(S):		CONTROL SECTION(S):			
PROJECT LOCATION					
PROJECT DESCRIPTION					
S = Significant, NS = Not Significant, N = None, NI = No Involvement					
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CHECKLIST					
Factors	S	NS	N	NI	
<b>A. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>					
1. Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Migratory Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Bridge Painting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Endangered Species - Flora	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Endangered Species - Fauna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Contamination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>B. CULTURAL IMPACTS</b>					
14. Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. AYS/ST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C. COMMUNITY IMPACTS</b>					
17. Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Detour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Controversy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Tree Removals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Interest/Cumulative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summarized below are the results of the environmental review. This classification is not valid if any areas listed in the statements in this document are proposed to be affected. No ROW of any form may be purchased/agreed upon from any area of concern. These concerns must be addressed prior to Environmental Certification.

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# Right-of-Way Acquisition



- ✓ Once Environmental Classification occurs, Real Estate may proceed with purchasing property.
- ✓ The Classification document will contain a list of properties that can **not** be purchased for environmental reasons

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# Environmental Certification

- ❖ Construction Phase
- ❖ Occurs prior to OEC meeting
- ❖ All mitigation items are included in the plans
- ❖ All areas of concern are avoided

CONTROL SECTION(S)	JOB NUMBER(S)	REGION
03072	118847	Grand
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>		
M-40 from 134th Ave to Remink Road, Heath and Ovensel Townships, Allegan County		
<b>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</b>		<b>DATE CLASSIFIED</b>
F - C/E (Programmatic) D.1		06/29/2017
<b>NEPA COMPLIANCE &amp; MITIGATION MEASURES</b>		
The following factors were identified as special concerns during the environmental classification process. All mitigation measures have been incorporated into final plans.		
<b>405(R)</b>		
The Special Provision for Construction Staging Areas is included, access to recreational properties will be maintained and impacts on Township and School properties shall be less than the time needed for project construction.		
<b>Historic</b>		
The tree removals proposed at st. 669 00 will be replaced at a 2:1 ratio.		
<b>NPDES</b>		
Prior to initiation of construction, all the appropriate information, including a complete Notice of Coverage (NOC) form, must be submitted to MDOE Construction and Technology Division.		
<b>Endangered Species - Fauna</b>		
The updated Special Provision for Tree Removals- 12SP-2022-01 has been included.		
<b>Migratory Birds</b>		
Please add the Migratory Bird Special Provision to the final plan package.		
<b>Bridge Painting</b>		
The 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction, Section 715, Cleaning and Coating Existing Structural Steel, must be adhered to during construction.		
<b>Contamination</b>		
Both stipulations for non-hazardous pay item and the Special Provision for Non-Hazardous Contaminated Material Handling and Disposal have been included.		
<b>Water Quality</b>		
The required sumps have been included in the plans.		
<b>Streams</b>		
This project will require a MDEQ Part 301 permit for a culvert extension.		
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>		
This certifies that the following job meets all requirements to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts on the environment. This project is clear to proceed to the construction phase. Any changes to the scope of work will nullify environmental certification. This certification is in accordance with the agreement between MDOE and FHWA.		

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## How to involve the Coordinators:

### Plans Coordinators Should Receive:

- × Base Plans
- × Plan Review Plans
- × ROW Plans
- × QA/QC Plans
- × OEC Plans
- × Final Plans

### Meetings Coordinators Should Attend:

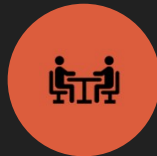
- × Early Scoping
- × Scope Verification
- × Base Plan
- × Plan Review
- × OEC
- × Pre-Construction

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## Reminders



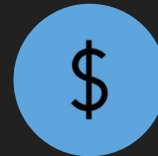
CERTIFICATION DOES NOT HAPPEN IF QA/QC PLANS DON'T REFLECT CLASSIFICATION DOCUMENT



OEC MEETINGS CAN ONLY PROCEED IF CERTIFICATION IS COMPLETE



ROW PHASE IS DEPENDENT ON COMPLETION OF CLASSIFICATION



OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL AID IS DEPENDENT ON COMPLETION OF CLASSIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

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**Thank You!**