




INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 2, 2024

TO: Master Files

FROM: Josh Seagraves, Division Head – Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job 012497
FAP NHPP-40-2(85)
I-40 Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)
Route I-40, Sections 21, 22, 32, & 33
Various Counties
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The project proposes to replace main lane and interchange signs along Interstate 40 in Faulkner, Johnson, Pope, and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas. A project location map with sign information is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxics concerns. The cultural resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Rufa Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Alligator Snapping Turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*), American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*), Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), and Missouri bladderpod (*Physaria filiformis*). This project will have "no effect" on the aforementioned federally listed species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations. The official species list is attached.

The Alligator Snapping Turtle is currently a proposed threatened species, the Tricolored Bat is a proposed endangered species, and the Monarch Butterfly is a candidate species; however, the proposed project will not jeopardize the continued existence of any of these species.

This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

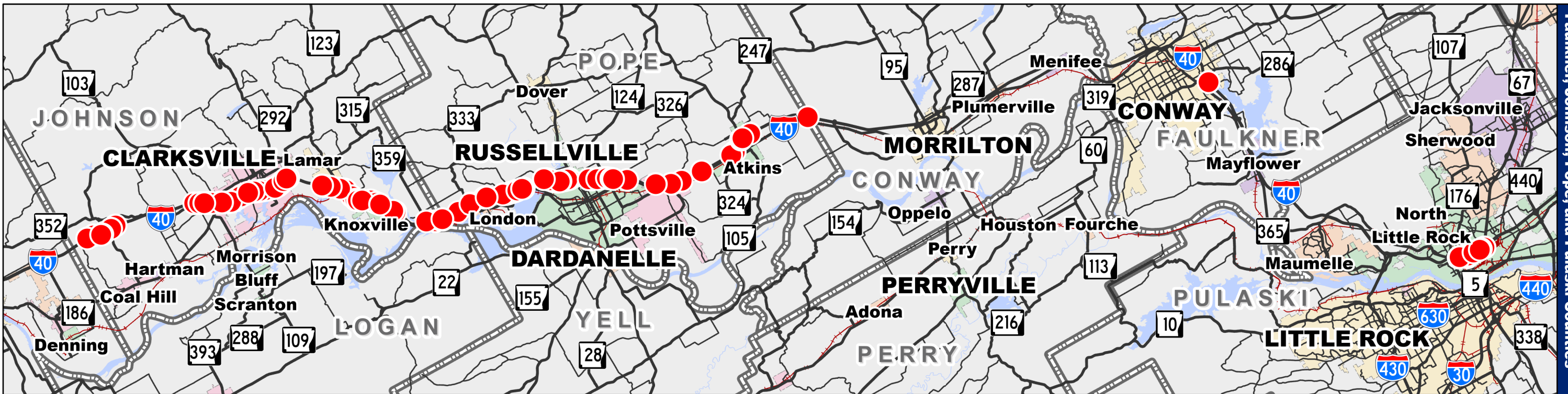
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After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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Attachments

c: Program Management
Roadway Design
District 6
District 8
FHWA



Structure Number	County	Route	Section	Log Mile	Log Direction	Structure Number	County	Route	Section	Log Mile	Log Direction	Structure Number	County	Route	Section	Log Mile	Log Direction	Structure Number	County	Route	Section	Log Mile	Log Direction	Structure Number	County	Route	Section	Log Mile	Log Direction	
OH-040-23-13	Faulkner	I-40	32	155.358	WB	ML40-67-2WB	Johnson	I-40	21	212.987	WB	EXIT47-WB	Johnson	I-40	21	238.047	WB	OH40-155-1EB	Pulaski	I-40	33	154.547	EB	ML40-78-1WB	Pope	I-40	22	203.879	WB	
OH40-129-2WB	Faulkner	I-40	32	155.358	WB	ML40-OV-1WB	Johnson	I-40	21	213.100	WB	ML40-41-1WB	Johnson	I-40	21	238.716	WB	OH40-155-2EB	Pulaski	I-40	33	154.547	EB	ML40-78-2WB	Pope	I-40	22	205.332	WB	
OH40-129-3WB	Faulkner	I-40	32	155.358	WB	ML40-OV-2WB	Johnson	I-40	21	213.493	WB	ML40-74-2EB	Pope	I-40	22	72.671	EB	ML40-94-2EB	Pope	I-40	22	90.205	EB	LL40-78-WB	Pope	I-40	22	205.495	WB	
ML40-47-3EB	Johnson	I-40	21	45.235	EB	EXITOV-WB	Johnson	I-40	21	214.104	WB	ML40-74-3EB	Pope	I-40	22	73.662	EB	LF40-94EB	Pope	I-40	22	92.516	EB	LGF40-78WB	Pope	I-40	22	205.624	WB	
ML40-47-4EB	Johnson	I-40	21	46.236	EB	LXX40-67WB	Johnson	I-40	21	216.521	WB	EXIT74-EB	Pope	I-40	22	73.727	EB	LG40-94EB	Pope	I-40	22	92.674	EB	ML40-78-3WB	Pope	I-40	22	206.325	WB	
EXIT47-EB	Johnson	I-40	21	46.327	EB	ML40-67-3WB	Johnson	I-40	21	216.688	WB	ML40-78-1EB	Pope	I-40	22	74.761	EB	ML40-94-3EB	Pope	I-40	22	92.828	EB	EXIT78-WB	Pope	I-40	22	206.537	WB	
ML40-55-1EB	Johnson	I-40	21	47.040	EB	ML40-67-4WB	Johnson	I-40	21	217.691	WB	ML40-78-2EB	Pope	I-40	22	74.908	EB	BM40-94-1EB	Pope	I-40	22	93.792	EB	ML40-74-1WB	Pope	I-40	22	207.521	WB	
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LF40-55EB	Johnson	I-40	21	53.420	EB	ML40-64-1WB	Johnson	I-40	21	218.408	WB	ML40-78-3EB	Pope	I-40	22	76.254	EB	ML40-101-1EB	Pope	I-40	22	94.530	EB	ML40-74-3WB	Pope	I-40	22	210.235	WB	
LGL40-55EB	Johnson	I-40	21	53.585	EB	ML40-64-2WB	Johnson	I-40	21	219.012	WB	ML40-78-4EB	Pope	I-40	22	76.428	EB	ML40-101-2EB	Pope	I-40	22	98.770	EB	EXIT 74-WB	Pope	I-40	22	210.334	WB	
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ML40-55-4EB	Johnson	I-40	21	53.983	EB	ML40-64-3WB	Johnson	I-40	21	219.445	WB	ML40-78-5EB	Pope	I-40	22	76.893	EB	LG40-94WB	Pope	I-40	22	189.191	WB	BM40-153-1WB	Pulaski	I-40	33	130.210	WB	
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LXX40-67EB	Johnson	I-40	21	65.231	EB	ML40-55-5WB	Johnson	I-40	21	228.991	WB	EXIT84-EB	Pope	I-40	22	83.867	EB	LF40-81WB	Pope	I-40	22	202.407	WB							
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EXIT67-EB	Johnson	I-40	21	66.430	EB	ML40-47-2WB	Johnson	I-40	21	237.023	WB	EXIT88-EB	Pope	I-40	22	87.978	EB	ML40-81-5WB	Pope	I-40	22	203.013	WB							
ML40-74-1EB	Johnson	I-40	21	71.457	EB	BM40-47-1WB	Johnson	I-40	21	237.943	WB	ML40-94-1EB	Pope	I-40	22	88.673	EB	EXIT 81-WB	Pope	I-40	22	203.274	WB							



● Project Location





ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2024

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Jason Kennedy, Cultural Resources

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SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job 012497
I-40 Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)
Route I-40, Sections 21, 22, 32, & 33
Faulkner, Johnson, Pope, & Pulaski Counties

The project proposes to install and replace overhead/ground mounted signs at 172 locations on Interstate 40 in Faulkner, Johnson, Pope, and Pulaski Counties. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired. All work will occur within the existing ROW.

Any evidence of past human activities would have been destroyed with the construction of the interstate. If present, there is little potential to impact existing intact archeological sites or historic resources with the installation of the overhead mounted signs in the existing ROW. No new visual elements will be introduced since signs are already present along these roadways. No impacts will occur to historic properties present near these corridors.

The highway infrastructure and known construction practices were examined to assess previous ground disturbance. This type of undertaking is repetitive in nature and will not affect historic properties. All work will be within the existing ROW, and the limited scope of the project occurs within previously disturbed areas (interstate construction). Therefore, this project requires no Section 106 review under Appendix C, Activity 28, of the 2021 Programmatic Agreement.



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Project Code: 2024-0122778

Project Name: 012497 - I-40 Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2024-0122778

Project Name: 012497 - I-40 Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)

Project Type: Road/Hwy - Maintenance/Modification

Project Description: Various locations along Interstate 40 in Faulkner, Johnson, Pope, and Pulaski Counties require the replacement of existing signs due to the loss of reflectivity or damage. Associated regulatory, warning, and interchange ramp signs will be replaced in order to provide an interstate facility that meets current standards.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@35.14012095,-92.53234496557695,14z>



Counties: Arkansas

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 11 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

MAMMALS

NAME	STATUS
Gray Bat <i>Myotis grisescens</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6329	Endangered
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949	Endangered
Northern Long-eared Bat <i>Myotis septentrionalis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045	Endangered
Tricolored Bat <i>Perimyotis subflavus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515	Proposed Endangered

BIRDS

NAME	STATUS
Eastern Black Rail <i>Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10477	Threatened
Piping Plover <i>Charadrius melodus</i> Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered. There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039	Threatened
Rufa Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus rufa</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864	Threatened

REPTILES

NAME	STATUS
Alligator Snapping Turtle <i>Macrochelys temminckii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4658	Proposed Threatened

INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
American Burying Beetle <i>Nicrophorus americanus</i> Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/66	Threatened

NAME	STATUS
<p>Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</p>	Candidate

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME	STATUS
<p>Missouri Bladderpod <i>Physaria filiformis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5361</p>	Threatened

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

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You have indicated that your project falls under or receives funding through the following special project authorities:

- **BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) (OTHER)**

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

ARDOT Job Number 012497 FAP Number NHPP-40-2(85)

Job Title I-40 Sign Upgrades (Districts 6 & 8) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			None in project area
Economic	X			Will not be impacted by project
Endangered Species	X			No effect
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No protected populations in project area
Fish and Wildlife		X		Temporary during construction
Floodplains	X			No regulated floodplains in project area
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	X			No bridge or large culvert work
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			No impacts
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	X			None in project area
Protected Waters	X			No impacts
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts anticipated
Relocates	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4f resources not present
Social	X			No impacts to the social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No USTs in project area
Visual	X			No changes to visual environment
Streams	X			None in project area
Water Quality		X		Temporary during construction
Wetlands	X			None in project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No
 Section 404 Permit Required? No Type _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator *Don Smith* Date 8/2/24