

HEROS – Determining Level of Review

Welcome to the HUD Environmental Review Online System e-Tutorial. This is one in a series of video tutorials on completing an environmental review through HEROS. This video will show you how to determine and enter your project's level of review.

Once the initial screens are completed, you will be routed to Screen 1311–Level of Review to determine the level of environmental review for your proposed project. Indicate the level of review and appropriate citation or citations justifying your selection.

The available levels of review to select from are: Exempt, Categorically Excluded Not subject to the federal laws and authorities cited in 58.5, Categorically Excluded Subject to the federal laws and authorities cited in 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statement. For Exempt or Categorically Excluded projects, you may select more than one citation.

If you are uncertain as to the appropriate level of review you may select <Not Sure> and click <Save and Continue> to use the Level of Review Determination Assistant, or LORDA.

LORDA asks a series of Yes or No questions based on the proposed activities and planned uses for the project that you indicated on Screen 1125–Project Summary. Once you respond to the customized questions, LORDA proposes a suggested level of review.

If you use LORDA, the Level of Review Confirmation screen suggests a level of review and citations for you to confirm that the project meets the suggested level of review. You can confirm the level of review by clicking the radio button for Yes. Remember, it's your responsibility to confirm that the suggested level of review is correct. If you are not satisfied with the Level of Review selection, you can navigate back to the previous screens.

If your project was Categorically Excluded Subject to 58.5, you will also be asked to provide a summary of any calculations or analysis required to make your determination. If you select "No" to reject the level of review, you will return to Screen 1311 to begin the determination process again. If you are having difficulty determining the level of review for your project, contact your local HUD Field Environmental Officer for assistance.

Once you have determined and confirmed your level of review you will be taken to Screen 2005–Related Federal Laws and Authorities. For information on using the Related Federal Laws and Authorities screens, refer to the video on the Related Federal Laws and Authorities and Mitigation.

Thank you for your participation. This concludes the e-Tutorial on determining the level of review. For additional tutorials and resources go to the OneCPD Resource Library.