

Timeline and Basic Tasks for Environmental

The purpose of the following information is to give project managers a general understanding of the environmental process the associated timelines. The times provided are only estimates and are dependent on a project's scope. Each task involves preparing documents, reviews, and coordinating with various public entities and agencies. The time each task takes is dependent on receiving responses from those public entities and agencies.

Federally Funded

Level of Document	6004 Assignable CE	Not 6004 Assignable CE	EA
Tasks			
Scoping* 1-2 months	Public		
	Newspaper and online ad: 30 day minimum comment period, may not be required depending on project scope. Meetings require at least two weeks prior notification.		
	Agency		
	Letter: 30 day minimum comment period, may not be required depending on project scope.		
Historic Properties* 2-6 months (Can be concurrent with Scoping)	National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106)		
	1. Initiation: 30 day minimum comment period unless proceed directly to findings		
	2. Survey (if needed, not included in time approximation)		
	3. Finding of Effect: 30 day opportunity to comment and SHPO concurrence		
Studies and Consultations* 6-12 months	4. Develop MOA (If adverse effect, not included in time approximation)		
	On an as needed basis. Most surveys must take place during the summer months. The time a consultation takes is often dictated by the resource agency being consulted.		
Finalize Environmental Document	1-3 months	1-3 months	6-12 months
Total Time	8-10 months	10-12 months	1-5 years

*Design changes and controversy can result in these steps taking significantly longer or needing to be repeated

State Funded

Although many of the steps in the State Funded environmental process appear the same as the Federally Funded process, the approval processes and the language used for each task is very specific to the funding source. If a project switches from state to federal funding, the new approval authority will make the determination of what tasks satisfy the Federal Funding process requirements.

Level of Document	State Projects Environmental Form
Scoping 1-2 months	Public Newspaper and online ad: 30 day minimum comment period, may not be required depending on project scope. Meetings require at least two weeks prior notification.
	Agency Letter: 30 day minimum comment period, may not be required depending on project scope.
Historic Properties 1-3 months	Alaska Historic Preservation Act (AS 41.35.070) 1. Finding of Effect: 90 day maximum 2. Investigate, salvage, or record if adverse effect
Studies and Consultations* 6-12 months	On an as needed basis. See Studies and Consultation Details Table for additional information.
Finalize Environmental Document	1 month
Total Time	6-12 months

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