

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Environment Division  
Categorical Exclusion Exception Review Checklist**

**Project Title:**

**Project Location/ Address:**

**Project Developer:**

**Project Coordinator Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Project Approvals:**

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Anthony David, Environment Division  
Director

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Dylan Herne, Environmental Assessment  
Coordinator

<b>File number:</b>	
<b>Date received:</b>	
<b>Date of Review:</b>	
<b>Categorical Exclusion Status:</b>	<b>Approved</b>   <b>Denied</b>   <b>Additional Information Required</b>
<b>Environmental Assessment Status:</b>	<b>Required</b>   <b>Not Required</b>

## **Introduction**

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's environmental review process allows developers and the Tribe to examine proposed projects during the planning phase in order to prevent or minimize potentially adverse impacts to the environment or health of the community. This process, when followed objectively and thoroughly, is not intended to hinder development but to ensure that decisions that are made benefit of the future seven generations as per Mohawk tradition.

There are categorical exemptions from the Environmental Review process for projects that will have no or minimal environmental impacts. These activities include:

- Acquisition, improvement, or rehabilitation of public facilities (other than buildings) that does not change the use of the building or increase the size or capacity by more than 20%. This includes the replacement of water/ sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs or sidewalks, and re-paving roads.
- Projects directed toward the removal of material or architectural barriers that restrict the mobility or accessibility of the elderly or handicapped.
- Rehabilitation of a single-family house provided that the unit density does not increase by more than 4 units, the project does not involve a change of land-use from residential to non-residential, and the footprint of the building is not increased in a floodplain or wetland.
- Rehabilitation of a multi-family housing facility provided that the unit density does not change by more than 20%, and the project does not involve a change of land-use from residential to non-residential.
- Improvements to non-residential structures that will not change the size or capacity of the structure by more than 20%. The activity cannot involve the change of land-use such as, from non-residential to residential, commercial to industrial, etc.
- Individual actions. These actions include the disposition, construction, demolition, or acquisition of a 1- 4 family dwelling; or individual action taken on five or more units on scattered sites, provided the sites are more than 2000 feet apart and there are no more than 4 units per site.
- Acquisition or disposition of an existing structure or vacant land provided that the structure/land will be retained for the same use.
- Actions that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, and restoration activities.

The review process incorporates the Ohen:ton Kariwatehkwen, the Thanksgiving Address, to acknowledge and give consideration to the mutual respect and responsibility that exists between the Mohawk people and the natural world.

**Instructions**

1. Contact the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division's Environmental Assessment (EA) Coordinator during the preliminary project planning phase to determine which type of environmental review will be required. At this point the EA Coordinator and Division Director will determine whether or not a project is eligible for a categorical exclusion.
2. Complete the Categorical Exclusion Review form.
3. Submit the completed form to the SRMT Environmental Assessment Coordinator.
4. Please allow 2 weeks for the completion of the internal review. A site visit may be requested as part of the review process.
5. The project is prohibited from proceeding beyond the planning phase of development until the project has been issue a Categorical Exclusion.
6. If the project is determined to be ineligible for a Categorical Exclusion, an Environmental Assessment may be required.

**Part I. Project Summary and Information:**

1. Location and activities of proposed project (construction, road-building, vehicles, etc.):  
Describe the location of the proposed project including maps, drawings and any engineering or architectural designs. Sketch maps are acceptable if others are not available and as long as they contain key reference points.

2. Why was this project proposed? (What improvements will it bring to the community?)

## Part II. Categorical Exclusion

Please indicate which type of project is being proposed:

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**Part III. Categorical Exclusion Exception Review:**

**To be completed by the SRMT Environment Division. For Determinations, write “A” if the proposed project, by nature, cannot affect the resource under consideration. Write “B” if impacts may occur.**

<b>Compliance Factors</b>	<b>Determination A/B</b>	<b>Compliance Documentation</b>
Historic Preservation		Consultation with THPO Date:
Floodplain Management		SRMT Akwesasne Flood Map Reference date:
Wetland Protection		SRMT Wetlands Map Reference date:
Coastal Zone Management Act		
Sole Source Aquifers		EPA Sole Source Aquifer Map Reference date:
Endangered Species Act		USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) Reference date:
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act		
Clean Air Act		
Farmland Protection Policy Act		
Environmental Justice		

**If any consideration that is found to have potential impacts may require an Environmental Assessment.**