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Resource Directory

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Dear Environmental Colleague:

The roles and responsibilities of environmental disciplines within the transportation industry continue to change. Environmental Streamlining and Stewardship continues to be an important strategic objective as FHWA is going through the process of developing and rolling out its updated Strategic Plan. . Across the country, transportation industries continue to add environmental knowledge and expertise to design, construction, maintenance and operations units to provide assurance that projects and programs are delivered on time and within budget. Also, trends towards incorporating strategic and program level environmental analysis and information are becoming apparent. Environmental stewardship is a cornerstone of sound asset management practice, and is essential to the efficient use of tax dollars and human resources.

Who We Are

The FHWA Resource Center's Environment Technical Service Team (TST) is comprised of a substantial team of subject matter experts representing diverse natural and social science and engineering disciplines and experiences. The scientists and engineers are located in five Resource Center locations around the country, but cut across geographic boundaries to deliver services. The Environment TST is committed to enhancing FHWA's performance by providing high-level technical assistance and quality workshops and seminars to our customers and partners.

What We Can Do

The RC Environment TST actively promotes the effective integration of the environmental disciplines into all of FHWA's business practices. But, we are more than just a multidisciplinary team – we seek to find new solutions that are born out of the interaction of people with different perspectives and experiences. This is probably the most important contribution the Environment TST makes to *Keeping America Moving*.

It has been shown that an Interdisciplinary Approach optimizes the probability of success. Interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving goes much further than multidisciplinary approaches. Interdisciplinary approaches encourage subject matter experts to learn from, educate, and develop synergy with other disciplines. In fact, peer reviewed literature suggests that teams and organizations which integrate the widest range of inter-related skills to problem solving tend to have better chances of success than teams comprised of individuals representing a narrower range of expertise.

The entire Environment TST is dedicated to this interdisciplinary approach. As a team comprised of a wide variety of skill sets and professional backgrounds, we have the breadth and depth of knowledge – that is our strength and the advantage we can provide to you. The RC Environmental Team actively promotes the effective integration of the environmental disciplines into all of FHWA's business practices.

Bringing the Environment TST to assist with a program or project need is enlisting a trusted partner. Call us and tell us about the goal you are trying to achieve. We'll discuss potential solutions, including just-in-time, custom training; peer reviews; technical and research forums; interdisciplinary problem-solving; developing noteworthy practices; development and delivery of workshops; and conference presentations.

The Environment TST is comprised of subject matter experts on environmental analysis techniques, compliance with environmental laws, regulations, guidance, and executive orders, and records-keeping and documentation. Some recently delivered subjects include:

Organizational Performance

Issue-specific Conflict Resolution
Program Audits and EMS
Geographic Information Systems

Integrated Processes
Construction and the Environment

Multiple Agency & Interdisciplinary Teams
Linking Planning with Project Development

Statutes and Regulatory Compliance

National Environmental Policy Act
Coastal Barriers, and Coastal Zone
Assessing Induced Growth

Clean Water Act
Endangered Species Act
Indirect and Cumulative Effects

National Historic Preservation Act
Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966

Natural Sciences and Engineering

Wetlands, streams, lakes, and coasts
Noise Impacts to fish & wildlife
Climate Change

Water Quality, Stormwater
Invasive Species
Migratory Birds

Habitat and Road crossings for biota
Soil Erosion & Sediment Control
Ecosystem and Watersheds

Social Sciences and Public Involvement

Community Integrity and Cohesion
Native American Consultation
Socio-Economics

Cultural Resources
Noise Impacts
Context Sensitive Solutions

Environmental Justice
Aesthetics

The Environment Team publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Environmental Quarterly*, and keeps its website populated with examples of current projects and best practices from our work with our customers. Please check out our website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/environment>.

This brochure is divided into two parts. The first part provides contact information on the Environment TST members, and descriptions of many of our service offerings. The second part is a state directory with background information on division environmental contacts and their respective state partners. This directory can be used for information sharing and mentoring among the field offices on similar environmental program successes or issues.

I hope you will use the information provided here to help you in your day-to-day activities and as you develop your office work plan for next year. Please feel free to contact me or any of my staff to discuss how we can meet your needs and in accomplishing our FHWA mission.

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AVAILABLE OFFERINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Technical Assistance and Workshops

TOPIC	POINT OF CONTACT
Section 4(f)	Dave Gamble, David Grachen, Stephanie Stoermer, Katiann Wong-Murillo, Deborah Scherkoske, Deborah Suci-Smith
Section 7 – (Basic) Endangered Species Act	Kimberly Majerus, Kevin Moody, Brian Yanchik
Section 7 – Biological Assessments	William VanPeeters, Brian Yanchik, Kevin Moody
Section 7 – (Advanced) Interagency	Brian Yanchik
Section 106 – Historic Preservation	Stephanie Stoermer, David Grachen, Mary Ann Rondinella Deborah Scherkoske, Deborah Suci-Smith
Section 10/404 – Clean Water Act	Kimberly Majerus, Kevin Moody, Brian Smith, William VanPeeters
American Indian Best Practices	David Grachen, Stephanie Stoermer
Collaborative Problem Solving (Introduction)	Don Cote, Mary Ann Rondinella, Katiann Wong-Murillo, Rod Vaughn
Community Impact Assessment	K. Lynn Berry, David Grachen, Katiann Wong- Murillo
Context Sensitive Solutions	K. Lynn Berry, MaryAnn Rondinella, Rod Vaughn, Deborah Scherkoske
Environmental Justice	K. Lynn Berry, Katiann Wong-Murillo
GIS for Environmental: Streamlining and Stewardship for Transportation (GIS4EST)	Kimberly Majerus, Rod Vaughn
Highway Traffic Noise	MaryAnn Rondinella, Stephanie Stoermer
Indirect and Cumulative Impacts	Dave Gamble, MaryAnn Rondinella, Brian Smithn, Katiann Wong-Murillo
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	ALL TEAM MEMBERS
Public Involvement	K. Lynn Berry, David Grachen, Katiann Wong-Murillo, Rod Vaughn, Deborah Scherkoske
Soil Erosion / Sediment Control	Kevin Moody, Brian Smith
Wetland Delineation	Brian Smith, William VanPeeters
Wetland Functional Assessment	Kevin Moody, Brian Smith, William VanPeeters, Brian Yanchik

For more information or to schedule any of the above FHWA Resource Center offerings, please contact any PERSON listed. Please visit our website at: www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/

The ENV TST is working with NHI, FHWA Headquarters, numerous State DOTs, and several regulatory agencies to deploy a sequence of web-based, classroom, and field workshops in transportation-related wetland impact, permitting, indirect and cumulative impacts and mitigation issues.

We provide technical assistance on a broad range of issues including SAFETEA-LU implementation. We support FHWA Headquarters in developing new policies and guidance. We conduct technology deployment activities to a broad spectrum of transportation stakeholders. We assist Division Offices in conducting peer and process reviews; and in reviewing State DOT policies and guidance upon request. We offer Executive Briefings and Conference presentations on many environmental topics upon request. All workshops and webinars can be customized and tailored to your special needs.

Currently, the NEPA 101 web seminar can be found on the NHI website. A self-paced tutorial on Section 4(f) can be found at www.section4f.com. A blended webinar on Public Meetings and a joint effort with Headquarters on Hazardous Wastes in Highway Rights of Way are currently under development.

For additional information regarding these services and workshops, please contact: don.cote@dot.gov

NHI (National Highway Institute)

The professionals on the Resource Center's Environment TST also serve as instructors for many NHI Environmental Training Courses.

To learn more about scheduling an NHI course, please contact the NHI at:

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Or visit NHI's website at: <http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov>