

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Environment Division  
Environmental Review Checklist

Project Name:

Project Developer:

Project Coordinator:

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## **Introduction**

It is the tradition of the Mohawk People to look seven generations ahead in making decisions that affect the community. It is in this spirit that the Environmental Review Process has been developed. The resources available on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation are limited and dwindling with each year that passes. It is the intention of this process to increase awareness of available resources and ensure that all consideration of these resources is taken when initiating a project. Focus and vigilance are required to make sure the seventh generation will have all that is necessary to maintain and continue our way of life.

This community is unique and consists of cultural resources that have survived countless efforts to eliminate them and they are deserving of our protection and care. Development can proceed and remain in harmony with the cultural values passed on to us by our ancestors, but it requires forethought and effort.

The land and resources should be considered as a gift to pass down to future generations, and as such it should remain as whole, intact, and healthy as it was received so that it may sustain them. Actions today should not be at the sacrifice of our children.

The environmental review process is a step-by-step process of gathering information concerning the possible impacts to the community and the environment. This information is then used in an analysis or evaluation of the proposed development so that proper decisions, which are of benefit to all community members (including the developer), are made.

The review process allows developers and the Tribe to examine a proposed project before it is started in order to prevent or minimize potential impacts to the environment and health of the community. The process, if followed objectively and thoroughly, will reveal any problems that might be associated with a development and permit actions to be taken to eliminate or minimize potential problems.

The review process can actually result in savings of time and money for developers when the costs that may be related to change orders in construction or loss of time due to delays are considered.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, through Tribal Emergency Pollution Authority, 89-34, has the authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of the all people within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. It also may take such further action as is necessary to protect the public health, the quality of the environment and living resources upon which the Tribe relies, and authorizes the Tribe to require Environmental Reviews.

## **Instructions**

1- Fill out the form assuring that all questions are answered. Do not leave any questions blank and limit written answers to one paragraph or less. If there is supporting documentation or other information supporting an answer attach the paperwork at the end of the document.

2- Ensure all questions are answered and make 3 additional copies. Turn in the original and all three copies to the environment division office. The receptionist will assign a file number and that will begin the review process. To save paper, an electronic copy on a CD is also acceptable and preferred for the first submission.

3- The review process includes an in-house review of the document through various departments within the environment division. The in-house review team will meet and at that time there will be a decision to choose one of the following four options:

### **1-Declare a Categorical Exclusion (No Public Comment Period)**

If a Categorical Exclusion is decided then the project represents very little or no impact and can proceed.

### **2-Require an Environmental Assessment**

The document received indicates an impact(s) and/or a larger scope than is allowed through the categorical exclusion status. The environmental assessment will require the completion of the long form review and supporting documentation.

### **3-Request Additional Information**

A request for additional information will be made when an answer(s) are deemed incomplete or inaccurate. Once the additional information is received and accepted the document will be reviewed again for a determination of completeness and a decision on the project status will be made.

### **4-Disapprove the project.**

Disapproval of the project will occur when a project has been determined to have significant negative impact(s) to prove detrimental to the community and/or environment.

4- A categorical exclusion indicates the environmental checklist is sufficient and the project can proceed. A requirement for an environmental assessment indicates the environmental checklist is insufficient and the long form environmental review will need to be completed and the project will go out for public comment.

5- Changes to the document have to be reviewed and approved by this office. Changes can be subject to the environmental assessment process.

## **I. Information:**

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

### Categorical Exclusion Consideration

(Circle all that apply)

<b>Existing/previous Construction</b>	Disaster Replacement or Repair	Renovation (same footprint)	Preventive Repair	Emergency Repair
<b>Improvements to Existing/Previous Construction</b>	Potable Water Improvement	Waste Water System Improvement	Weatherization Improvement	Plumbing Improvement

### II. Land

(Circle all that apply)

<b>Land Type</b>	Hilly	Flat	Wetland	Wooded	Developed
<b>Soil Type</b>	Sand	Clay	Gravel	Bedrock	Farmland
<b>Structures</b>	Building	House	Road	Fence	Utility/Service
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

### III. Plants and Vegetation

(Circle all that apply)

<b>Trees</b>	Hardwood	Softwood	Fruit Or Nut	Medicine	Invasive
<b>Plants</b>	Soil Plants	Water Plants	Medicine	Threatened or Endangered	Invasive
<b>Action Taken</b>	Clearing	Landscaping or Wind Break	Erosion Control	Drainage or Irrigation	Agriculture Crops
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

### IV. Water

(Circle all that apply)

<b>Surface Water</b>	River	Stream	Pond	Wetland	Drainage
<b>Ground Water</b>	Drilled Well	Dug Well	Fill	Dredge	Sump
<b>Discharges</b>	Sewage	Industrial	Runoff	Sump	Overflow
<b>Wetlands</b>	Permit Y/N	Filed	Pending	Approved	Denied
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**V. Animals***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Types</b>	Mammals	Rodents	Amphibians	Reptiles	Other
<b>Types</b>	Common	Game	Predator	Threatened	Endangered
<b>Game</b>	Large	Small	Sport	Subsistence	Fur Bearing
<b>Environment</b>	Habitat	Forage	Calving Area	Migratory	Breeding
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**VI. Birds***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Types</b>	Small	Medium	Large	Threatened	Endangered
	Predator	Migratory	Carrion	Wading	Game
<b>Environment</b>	Nesting Area	Migratory	Breeding	Colony	Forage
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**VII. Air***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Emissions</b>	Smoke	Dust	Fumes	Steam	Odor
<b>Structure</b>	Smoke Stack	Chimney	Vent	Blower	Filter
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**VIII. Noise***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Type</b>	Equipment	Machinery	Construction	Traffic	Operational
<b>Times</b>	Daytime	Nighttime	Continuous	Intermittent	Construction
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**IX. Energy and Natural Resources***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Energy</b>	Electric	Petroleum	Gas (LPG, NG)	Wood	Solar
<b>Conservation</b>	Fluorescent Lighting	Energy Star	Timing Switches	Insulation	Weather Proofing
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**X. Environmental Health***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Physical</b>	Chemical	Biological	Electrical	Fire/Explosion	
Mechanical	Toxic	Animal Waste	High Voltage	Flammable Liquid	
Slip/Fall	Inhalation	Human Waste	Transformer	Flammable Gas	
<b>Operational</b>	Ingestion	Bio-hazard	Operational	Flammable Solid	
Confinement	Absorption	Fume	Wiring	Flammable Storage	
Entrapment	Spillage	Methane	Switch Panel	Explosive Potential	
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**XI. Transportation***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Type</b>	New Road	New Highway	Parking Area	Turn Lane	New Driveway
<b>Effects</b>	Additional Traffic	Additional Maintenance	New Traffic Device	Reduced Speed	Blind Entrance/Exit
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**XII. Historical and preservation***(Circle all that apply)*

<b>Historic Property</b>	Registered Historic Site	Suspected Historic Site	Registered Landmark	Suspected Landmark	Traditional Use Site
<b>Cultural Site</b>	Active Ceremonial Area	Suspected Ceremonial Area	Known Burial Grounds	Suspected Burial Grounds	Archaeological Site
<b>Attested by:</b>	Name		Site Visit	Interview	Documented

**Preparer's Name and Title:**

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<b>File number:</b>	
<b>File received by:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Categorical Exclusion Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Denied</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Additional Information Required</b>
<b>Concurred by:</b>	
<b>Environmental Assessment Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Required</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Required</b>

**Remember to include three (3) copies when submitting this document.**