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GENERAL INFORMATION

Guidance on NTIA National Environmental Policy Act Compliance: Guidance on NEPA requirements, roles and responsibilities, and information on categorical exclusions and extraordinary circumstances applicable to NTIA programs as of June 2025.

2026 BEAD Program General Terms and Conditions (GTCs): The BEAD GTCs lists the BEAD Program requirements contained in 47 U.S.C. that BEAD grantees must comply with.

Streamlined Environmental Review & Permitting for Broadband: A Roadmap: This resource highlights NTIA's streamlining tools and technical assistance to navigate NEPA and permitting review and approval processes for broadband projects.

BEAD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): FAQ document that answers common questions about the BEAD program and what Eligible Entities must do to comply.

BEAD TOOLS AND EFFICIENCIES

Smart Start Part II: How to Approach and Implement BEAD Subgrant Permitting Conditions: A guide to assist grantees in meeting program requirements and promoting permitting success as BEAD administering agencies and joint lead agencies for NEPA compliance.

Environmental Screening and Permitting Tracking Tool (ESAPTT) External User Guide: This user guide provides Eligible Entities an overview of ESAPTT user roles and instructions on how to access and navigate ESAPTT.

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MAPPING

NTIA Permitting and Environmental Information Application Demonstration: An overview of mapping tools NTIA has developed to assist with project scoping for permitting and environmental compliance.

Sample Project Descriptions and Maps for BEAD Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review: This document provides guidance to assist Eligible Entities in preparing ESAPTT project descriptions and maps.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) SECTION 7

Guide to Streamlined Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compliance for Broadband Deployments: Guidance for the permitting tools that NTIA has developed to streamline ESA compliance.

PERMITTING ROUNDTABLES

Permitting Roundtables: An Overview: An overview of the Permitting Roundtables framework which BEAD Grantees can use for project specific permitting issue resolution to meet the BEAD GTCs Section 13D.

Permitting Roundtables Implementation Guide: A detailed guide to implementing and conducting Permitting Roundtables.

MORE INFORMATION

BroadbandUSA | Permitting: This webpage provides technical assistance and guidance on the permits typically required for infrastructure deployment and related requirements of the BEAD program.

BroadbandUSA | NEPA for BEAD: This webpage provides guidance and technical assistance to support grant recipients with NEPA BEAD obligations.

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