

# Environmental Review Process

**Responsible Entity (RE) Determines Level of Review for HUD Activities**

**Exempt**

- No Request for Release of Funds and certification (RROF) Needed
- Put Determination into Environmental Review Record (ERR)

**Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to 58.5**

- No RROF Needed
- Put Determination into ERR

**Categorically Excluded, Subject to 58.5**

- Complete Statutory Worksheet
- If project does not convert to Exempt after completing Statutory Worksheet, RE must publish a NOI/RROF for 7 days or post/mail for 10 days

RE sends RROF (7015.15) and proof of notice to HUD/State

15-day period for HUD/State to receive objections

- After objection period, HUD/State issues 7015.16— Authority to Use Grant Funds
- Environmental Review is now complete

**Environmental Assessment**

- Complete Statutory Checklist
- Complete Environmental Assessment Checklist

If make a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)— publish combined NOI/RROF and FONSI for 15 days or post/mail for 18 days

If make a Finding of Significant Impact—publish that finding and then require Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
  
Publish Notice of Intent to prepare EIS

Prepare and publish Draft EIS

Prepare and publish Final EIS

**Responsible Entity (RE):**  
State Program:  
Unit of General Local Government (UGLG)  
Entitlement Program:  
Entitlement Community