

Environmental Review Process for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Projects seeking Clean Water Fund Program funding already undergo the Environmental/Archeological/Historical (E/A/H) review as part of their facilities planning process; therefore, additional environmental reviews are not needed to secure their funding from the CWF. The state statute exempts drinking water projects from needing an E/A/H review; however, for these projects to comply with federal requirements and be eligible for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program funding, an Environmental/Archeological/Historical review is required.

If your SDWLP project has had an E/A/H review conducted by another state or federal agency and you can obtain the documentation for that review, you do not need to duplicate the review process. Simply submit the documentation with your SDWLP application. This includes projects for which a Ch. 30 permit is required, as the E/A/H review is part of that permit process.

If your project is contained in an already disturbed area (including both the depth and width of your project) and is not near a water body, wetlands or other sensitive natural resources, then an E/A/H review is not necessary. Simply check N/A on question 6 of your SDWLP application checklist.

If your project is contained in an already disturbed area (including both the depth and width of your project) and is near a water body, wetlands or other sensitive natural resources, then you will need to conduct an E/A/H review. See the last paragraph for more information on conducting the review.

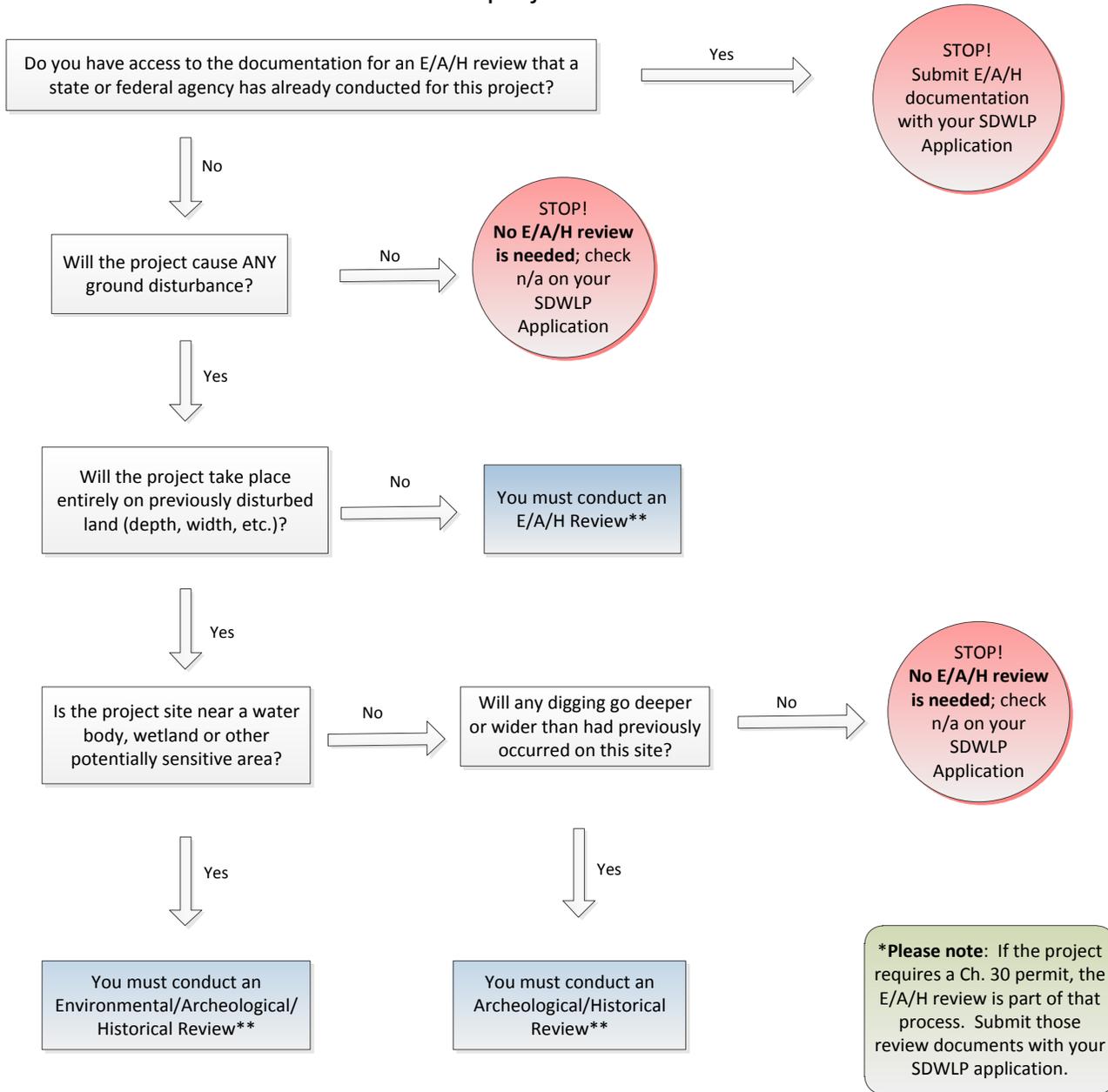
If your project is contained in an already disturbed area, **but the digging goes deeper or wider than had previously occurred**, an Archeological/Historical review is required. See the following paragraph for more information on conducting the review.

If your project requires an E/A/H review, you must complete form ER 1700-047 or 1700-047E and submit it to the Bureau of Endangered Resources, as instructed on the form (including associated fees required with that form). You must also include in your SDWLP application to the Department a topographic map showing the area of disturbance, including the Town/Range/Quarter-Quarter Section numbers as well as a copy of the ER form as submitted to the Department.

Please note that you do not need to contact or submit additional information to the State Historical Society as the DNR liaison to the State Historical Society (currently Mark Dudzik) initiates DNR-related historical and archeological reviews.



Environmental/Archeological/Historical (E/A/H) Review Flowchart for SDWLP projects



**** Please Note:** To complete your E/A/H review, submit form ER 1700-047 or 047E to the DNR Endangered Resources program, along with the appropriate attachments (maps, etc.). Include a copy of form ER 1700-047 or 047E as submitted to the DNR Endangered Resource program **or** the final response received from the DNR ER program (including attachments) **with your SDWLP application.**

Staff in the Environmental Loans Section will conduct the Archeological/Historical Review. You do not need to contact or submit any information to the State Historical Society, but **you must submit with your SDWLP application** a topographic map showing the area of disturbance (include the Town/Range/Quarter-Quarter Section numbers)

