

THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: Environmental Studies Manual


Environmental Studies Manual

The Environmental Studies Manual dated October 2014 replaces the July 2001 version and all amendments.

This manual shall be used for all new contracts starting design after posting of this design bulletin.

Major Highlight Revisions

- Section 5.0, B: an additional Level for Document Action Types has been added. There are now four Action Levels.
- Per Section 5.0, B: Action Levels 2, 3, and 4 require Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) prequalification for the preparation of environmental documents. Level 1, reserved for projects that do not impact environmental resources, do not require IDOT pre-qualification.
- Section 5.0, B: Action Level 4 projects may require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and require IDOT prequalification for EIS.
- Section 5.0, C: Environmental Studies Inventory Sheet (ESIS) forms, Part II, are now required to be submitted with both the Preliminary Engineering (60%) and Pre-Final (95%) submittals. Additional information is provided in Section 6.1.5: Submittals and Timing.
- Section 6.5 (Architectural, Cultural, Historical, and Archaeological Resources), photographs of all structures (not just those 40 years old or older) are now required for structures that will be impacted within the existing right of way, or for new right of way acquisitions, structures located in the original, contiguous, or adjacent parcels.
- Section 6.6 (Solid Waste) has been re-written to incorporate 35 Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) 1100 which specifies conditions under which uncontaminated soil can be disposed of in quarries accepting clean construction or demolition debris.
- Section 6.7 (Noise Effects) has been updated to incorporate the Tollway's 2012 *Traffic Noise Study and Abatement Policy*.


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