Environmental Review Process
(To Be Conducted by Responsible Entity)

Define Project. Consider entire project, even if HUD funding is only going to part of the project

Determine level of review, based on project description

Exempt
(By Definition)
→ 58.34(a)
- No Request for Release of Funds (RROF) Needed
- Record Determination in Environmental Review Record (ERR)
- Environmental Review Complete!

Categorically Excluded, Not Subject to §58.5
→ 58.35(b)
- No RROF needed
- Record Determination in ERR
- Environmental review is complete

Categorically Excluded and subject to review with §58.5
→ 58.35(a)
- Complete Statutory Checklist (1 of 2 results)

EITHER

No compliance/consultation with regulatory authorities required

Project converts to exempt

Compliance/consultation required

If Finding of No Significant Impact is made, publish combined NOI/RROF and Notice of FONSI for 15 days (18 days if posted/mailed)

After conclusion of public comment period, RE sends RROF (7015.15) and proof of public notice to HUD/State

15 day period for HUD/State to receive objection to release of funds

- After objection period, HUD/State issues 7015.16 – Authority to Use Grant Funds or Release letter
- Environmental Review Complete!

Environmental Assessment (EA)
(Not exempt or categorically exclude, so EA required)
→ 58.36
- Complete Statutory Checklist
- Complete Environmental Assessment Checklist/Form
- (1 of 2 results)

If Finding of Significant Impact made, then require Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Publish Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS

Prepare and publish Draft EIS

Prepare and publish Final EIS

**Note that 24 CFR §58.6 – Flood Insurance, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and Runway Clear Zone Requirements – apply to all projects, whether exempt, categorically excluded, or requiring the EA or EIS level of review.