



FDM 5-20-1 Wisconsin's Neighboring States

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1.1 Basis for Coordination

Section 102(2)(D)(IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act and 23 CFR 771.111(e) state that early notification to and solicitation of views from federal land management entities and other states that may be significantly affected by the proposed action shall be provided on federal aid highway projects (see [FDM 5-5-1](#) for discussion of federal land management entities).

1.2 Coordination Process

When in the early stages of project development on federal aid highway projects, it has been determined that a neighboring state may be affected, the WisDOT shall provide early notification to that state and solicit its views. Early notification occurs prior to writing the environmental document, as the results are to be included in the document.

Each notification shall indicate that it is being made pursuant to Section 102(2)(D)(IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

Notification should be mailed to the clearinghouse of the affected state, unless its governor has designated an agency other than the clearinghouse. Wisconsin's four neighboring states are addressed as follows:

Illinois	State Clearinghouse Bureau of the Budget Lincoln Tower Plaza 524 S. Second St., Rm. 315 Springfield, IL 62706
Iowa	Office of Planning & Programming 523 East 12th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Michigan	Office of Intergovernmental Relations Department of Management & Budget Lewis Cass Bldg., Box 30026
Minnesota	State Clearinghouse Minnesota State Planning Agency 101 Capital Square Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

1.3 Specific Results Intended

The desired response is a letter from the neighboring state containing its comments on the project.

The WisDOT, in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator, shall review any comments received from this early notification, and identify and evaluate alternative measures to mitigate anticipated adverse impacts. The Division Administrator shall prepare a written evaluation of issues identified during the early coordination efforts that indicate a significant disagreement with a position taken by the WisDOT and the FHWA with respect to an impact of the proposed action or any of the alternatives. This evaluation is to be furnished to the WisDOT for incorporation into the draft environmental document.

1.4 Follow-up Action Required

The WisDOT shall furnish copies of the draft environmental document to the affected state with a request that state advise the FHWA Division Administrator, in writing, of any disagreement with the evaluation of impacts in the statement.

The FHWA Division Administrator shall review the comments received and forward them to the WisDOT along with a written assessment of the disagreements for incorporation into the final environmental document.