



1.1 Federal Highway Administration -Coast Guard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Coordinating the Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements

Based on an MOU, the FHWA and the U.S. Coast Guard agreed to consult and coordinate prior to preparing NEPA compliance for bridge projects over navigable waters. The intent of this MOU is to eliminate and avoid duplication of effort during the NEPA process and to strengthen early coordination between FHWA and the Coast Guard.

The FHWA agreed to serve as the lead agency for environmental processing whenever a highway requires an action by both agencies. The Coast Guard must approve the location and plans for highway bridges crossing navigable waters. The Coast Guard will be included as a cooperating agency for the document.

1.2 Department of Transportation (DOT) -U.S. Forest Service Memorandum of Understanding Related to Forest Highways Over National Forest Lands, 1982

An MOU was established between the U.S. Forest Service and the DOT to develop procedures for coordinating, planning, developing, and considering environmental effects related to U.S. forest highway use and occupancy of national forest lands. Through this national agreement, the FHWA and U.S. Forest Service entered into a separate MOUs with WisDOT.

Emergency Directive No. 4 (see [Attachment 1.1](#)) from the Forest Service Manual shows procedures for Forest Service coordination with the FHWA regarding impacts on Federal Aid Highway projects on recreation lands. This attachment illustrates the types of statements that may be received from the Forest Service when a Federal Aid Highway project uses land under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. Specific MOU's affecting national forests in Wisconsin are presented in [FDM 20-30-5](#).

1.3 Department of Transportation (DOT) -Department of the Army Memorandum of Understanding Related to the Implementation of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act

An MOU was established between the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Army to cooperate in early and continuing coordination during the development of projects, environmental documentation, and the public involvement process. The MOU emphasized the need to eliminate duplication and to minimize needless paperwork and delay.

The Departments agreed that in the vast majority of cases, the DOT will be the lead agency and the Army will be the cooperating agency for NEPA documentation for compliance with NEPA procedures and for all other procedures involving both agencies. The Departments also agreed to accept, to the maximum extent possible, the decisions and environmental documentation of the other agency with respect to the other agency's responsibilities and expertise (please refer to [FDM 21-30-1](#) and [FDM 24-5-5](#)).

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment 1.1](#) U.S. DOT - U.S. Forest Service Memorandum of Understanding Related to Forest Highways Over National Forest Lands