

**Interim guidance on Hazmat Phase 1's during the COVID-19 Safer at Home order**

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Projects that cannot complete the Phase 1 investigation due to lack of access to paper records should put the following language in the environmental document:

A limited Phase 1 investigation has been completed due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in lack of access to paper records. The phase 1 investigation will be completed prior to moving the project to Stage 15\*, completion of final design and submittal of the PS&E package.

For those projects that are substantially or completely on new alignment, or which require significant acquisition the Project team should consult with BTS-Environmental Services Section and FHWA to determine if Phase 1 can be deferred to final design process – there may be situations that would cause a reevaluation of the environmental document.

Note that in either case the Phase 1 must be completed before the PS&E is submitted.

\* Refer to FDM Chapter 3 attachment 1.1

<https://wisconsin.gov/rdwy/fdm/fd-03-01-att.pdf#fd3-1a1.1>