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REVISED Local Agency Threatened & Endangered Species Review Process SEPTEMBER 2020

This guidance, effective immediately, applies to Local Agency transportation projects that utilize federal and state funding.

Threatened & Endangered Species Review Process

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/Local_Agency_Threatened_and_Endangered_Species_Review_Process_010819_643231_7.pdf

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has revised the process in which Local Agencies review 'exempt work type projects' as they pertain to Threatened and Endangered Species. This revision (other than clarifying changes) now allows for Local Agencies to exempt their project based on scope of work first, eliminating the need to obtain a potential state threatened and endangered species list from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). **The revised process still requires that an official potential species listing be obtained on the federal side for all projects using the US Fish & Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool, available on the USFWS website at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>.**

Because there are agencies that may need to submit projects for an EGLE Resource Permit, additional information regarding the permitting process was also added. An agency will get their potential state listed species reviewed through their submission of a Voluntary Preliminary Review request. An actual species list may not be received, but the approved permit is documentation that state species are of no concern or have been properly addressed.

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