**Combined Notice (ARC-CN) Instructions**

When a project’s Level of Review requires an Environmental Assessment (EA), or as it may also be known as a “Full Assessment”, to be conducted a Combined Notice is required to either be published in the newspaper or posted in areas of City/Town that are heavily trafficked by its residents. On the following page you will find a sample of the Combined Notice.

The language included in the Notice are HUD’s recommended wording for the Combined Notice. Words in **BOLD TYPE** are required to be replaced by language appropriate to the project and grant recipient.

**Note: The 15- or 18-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification form (ENV-RROF) to ADECA. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, “Time delays for exceptional circumstances,” a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those like projects that normally require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The 15-day objections period listed in the “Objections to Release of Funds” section is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by ADECA, whichever is later.**

**Following the completion of the comment period recipients may E-Mail or Fax the ENV-RROF to ADECA. The date of the E-Mail or Fax will be counted as the submission date which initiates the objection period on the following day (also called “starting the clock”). Original copies of the ENV-RROFC form and the Level of Review Determination form (ENV-LRD) as well as copies of all public notices (Early or Final Floodplain/Wetland Notices and Combined Notice) and their affidavits of publication or posting must be submitted to ADECA. If the Responsible Entity received any public comments, it must respond to those comments prior to submitting the ENV-RROF. ADECA will not issue a Notice of Removal of Grant Conditions (ENV-NRGC) until the original signed copies of the ENV-RROF, and ENV-LRD are received.**

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

***Date of Notice***

***Grant Recipient***

***Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box)***

***City, State, Zip Code***

***Telephone Number of RE***

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertake by the Grant Recipient.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about ***Date*** the Grant Recipientwill submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of ARC funds under the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA), to undertake a project known as ***project title***for the purpose of ***nature/scope of project, estimated funding (include non-HUD funding sources if applicable) and project location if applicable****.*

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Grant Recipienthas determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at ***name and address of office where ERR can be examined and any other locations where the ERR is available for review***and may be examined or copied weekdays ***XX*** AM to ***XX*** PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the ***designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments****.* All comments received by ***Date***will be considered by the Grant Recipientprior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Grant Recipientcertifies to ADECA that ***name of Certifying Officer***in theircapacity as ***Choose an item.***consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Grant Recipientto use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Grant Recipientcertification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the Grant Recipient; (b) the Grant Recipienthas omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CRF part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFRR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

***Name and Title of RE Certifying Officer***