

# Site Contamination Checklist for Environmental Reviews

Directions: Complete this checklist, along with accompanying site photos, and place in the Environmental Review Record.

## 1) Field Inspection

Conduct a field inspection and take photos of the project area to use as documentation.

Person Conducting Field Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Were any of the following items found within or in close proximity to the project area?

Item	Yes	No
Vents, Vent Pipes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underground Tank (other than Single Family Residential)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring Well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distressed Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drums, Containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pits, Ponds or Lagoons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stained Soil or Pavement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pungent, Foul or Noxious Odors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dumped Material, Mounds of Dirt, Rubble, Fill...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If “Yes” is indicated on any of the items above, it is suggested that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment be conducted.

If “No” is indicated on all of the items above, proceed to next step.

## 2) Historic Use Investigation

Research the project area’s previous uses using local libraries, historical societies, city directories, title searches, fire insurance rate maps, etc.

If the investigation shows that the project area’s previous uses include any potentially hazardous items (i.e. dry cleaners; auto shops; railyards; foundries, incinerators; gas stations; dumps; commercial printing operations; hospitals; waste treatment, storage, disposal, processing or recycling facilities; agricultural operations; tanneries; mining operations; etc....) it is suggested that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment be conducted.

If the investigation results in no potentially hazardous previous uses, proceed to next step.

## 3) Records Search

Use NEPAassist to do a records search of the project area to determine if it is in the proximity of any recorded sites on record at the Federal, State, Tribal or local government level.

If the project area is **NOT** within proximity of any of the aforementioned sites then document this determination with the map and place it in the Environmental Review Record.

If the project area **IS** within proximity of any of the aforementioned sites then you must **analyze** the data that has been collected from the field inspection, historic uses and government records to determine if a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment should be conducted. Things that should be considered when analyzing the data include: is the project area located within the proximity of a potentially hazardous site, is the project area up-gradient or cross-gradient of a potentially hazardous site (Topo map), does the potentially hazardous site have a record of compliance problems (ECHO)?

After the analysis is completed, determine if a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment is needed. Place this determination, along with the documentation in the Environmental Review Record.