

Environmental Compliance Assurance (ECA)

Note: This ECA is simply a name change from the previously required Certificate of Environmental Compliance (CEC). The requirement and process remain the same. This name change was required due to legal requirements for contractual “certificates”.

The Environmental Compliance Assurance should be executed by the institution’s official responsible for environmental compliance. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) require all federal agencies to examine possible environmental consequences of their proposed and ongoing actions. The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) examines all medical research and development projects for their potential environmental impacts. In most cases, awardees conducting research in established laboratories that are in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, or are already covered by existing NEPA environmental documentation, will not be required to provide additional information (beyond the ECA) about the environmental impact of their proposed research. Such projects will receive a “categorical exclusion” according to the Army regulations that implement the CEQ regulations (AR 200-2). After a proposal has been selected for award, the USAMRMC will determine if a categorical exclusion is warranted. If there are any extraordinary circumstances surrounding the research (e.g., requires Biosafety Levels 3 and 4, uses animals captured from the wild, or extremely controversial), further information may be requested from the investigator to determine the environmental impact of the proposed research. This information should be submitted in a timely manner.

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The offeror currently IS IS NOT (*check appropriate category*) in compliance with applicable national, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. (If not in compliance, attach details and evidence of approved mitigation measures.) The offeror has examined the activities encompassed within the proposed action for compliance with environmental laws and regulations. (*Enter proposal title*)

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The offeror states that the conduct of the proposed action:

1. WILL NOT violate any applicable national, state, or local environmental law or regulation, and
2. WILL NOT have a significant impact on the environment.

The offeror agrees that if the work required under the proposed action at any time results in a significant impact on the environment or a violation of any applicable environmental law or regulation, the offeror will immediately take appropriate action, to include notifying and/or coordinating with the appropriate regulatory agencies as required by law and notifying the Grants Officer.

Name of Official Responsible for Environmental Compliance (Printed)

Title of Official Responsible for Environmental Compliance (Printed)

Signature

Date

Name of Organization (Printed)