

## Re-evaluation QA/QC Checklist

May 2023

Project Name:

Original Environmental Document FM #:

FAP#:

Project Segments Being Evaluated:

Re-evaluation FM#(s):

Consultant:

Reviewer:

Date:

Additional Information:

☐ OEM PDC QA Complete      Date:

Green = PDC Responsibility

☐ OEM Engineer QA Complete      Date:

Blue = Engineer Responsibility

Orange = Both

The purpose of this guidance is to facilitate the preparation of quality Re-evaluation Forms. This guidance is applicable to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District and consultant preparers and Quality Control (QC) reviewers of Re-evaluations. This guidance covers common QC items but is not intended to be all inclusive. The preparer will comply with the requirements set forth in Part 1, Chapter 13 (Re-evaluations) of the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Manual and all other applicable chapters of the [PD&E Manual](#).

All projects are required to go through a Quality Assurance (QA)/ QC check at the District level before submittal for Office of Environmental Management (OEM) initial review (see [OEM's QC Plan for PD&E Studies website](#)). During this process the following general items should be addressed:

District	OEM	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove any blank pages and check for other formatting issues by reviewing a pdf version of the document closely
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spell out acronyms the first time they are used
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all figures and graphics are legible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check that figures are numbered and referenced correctly
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Review for clarity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Document should be written from FDOT perspective, not from a perspective of a consultant writing it on behalf of FDOT (e.g., there should not be statements such as "It is recommended FDOT provide/conduct/consider...". The document should state what actions FDOT will take). Use correct terminology/tense (e.g., instead of saying "should" use the word "will" and "FDOT will" rather than "we recommend")
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not include subjective information (e.g., stating opinion, overexaggerating, fluff)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not reference individual PD&E manual chapters in the text
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather than copying and pasting the same information repeatedly in different sections of the document include it in one spot and add either a reference to it or include a summary of it elsewhere
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use the term preferred alternative instead of the term build alternative
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not include repeated information from previous Re-evaluation Forms
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	For resources not involved in the original project that are still not involved select N/A on the Re-evaluation Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not include the names of people or consulting firms in the body of the document
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload applicable documents as Supporting Documentation (see the list at the end of this checklist)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information in the text should be consistent with the information included in the attached Supporting Documentation or other documents that are referenced and included only in the project file
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Include references to items included as Supporting Documentation and identify that they are attached
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If an updated technical document was prepared for an issue/resource, it should be mentioned in the applicable section and the document title should match the title of the document in the StateWide Environmental Project Tracker (SWEPT) project file (e.g., An archeological resource was investigated, and the results are summarized in the Cultural Resources Assessment Survey (CRAS) Report addendum)

Before Initial Submittal for OEM Review, the following sections should be checked by the Districts. The Districts should select Yes, No, or N/A (not applicable to the project) and add any comments in the Comments box for each issue. This checklist is also required for Consultative Re-evaluations before District sign off.

*Section 1 - General Project Information- A (Re-evaluation Type) & B (Original approved Environmental Document)*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Re-evaluation type is correct in Section 1 A and matches the table of segments in Section 1 D being evaluated	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		This information has been checked with the original Environmental Document and all the information in Section 1 B is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 1 - General Project Information- C (Prior Re-evaluations)*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Re-evaluations in the SWEPT project file are listed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The appropriate Re-evaluation type has been selected	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listed Re-evaluations include a description of what was approved	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All Re-evaluations and supporting documents are uploaded in the SWEPT project file (especially important on older PD&E projects prior to SWEPT)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The "Description of Approval" is consistent from the previous re-evaluations unless there is an error that has been corrected. Otherwise, verbiage should remain the same from one Re-evaluation to the next	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 1 - Project Information- D (Project or project segment(s) being evaluated)*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		All segments evaluated in the Re-evaluation are listed in the table	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The type of Re-evaluation is checked correctly and matches Section 1 A. (can have multiple types checked)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 2 - Project Description*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Briefly describes the project in terms of location, length, and termini of the project and typical section(s). (This should be consistent with the original PD&E and note any major changes in previous Re-evaluations)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Both the county and city names are included	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Includes existing conditions of the transportation facility, accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and navigational needs as applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		An appropriate level of engineering detail is used to describe the preferred alternative (and major changes in previous Re-evaluations when applicable) such as alignment, number of lanes, their width, major structures, proposed capacity and safety improvements, multi-modal accommodation, and estimated Right of Way (ROW) to be acquired and construction year	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		A project location map is included (either "in-line" within the Re-evaluation or attached). The map should include the limits of project segments and label all roads mentioned in the description or document	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provides a status for all project segments (this can be done in text or on the project location map)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				



*Section 3 - Changes in Applicable Law or Regulation*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes in federal or state laws, rules, regulations, or guidance that require consideration since the date of the original Environmental Document or subsequent Re-evaluation(s) are noted	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 4 - Evaluation of Major Design Changes and Revised Design Criteria*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If multiple segments are being re-evaluated, includes a detailed description of the design changes being evaluated for each segment (Design variations/exceptions may be included at the District's discretion)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maps, annotated plan sheets, graphics, or other visuals are strongly recommended to clearly explain changes. These should indicate where changes occur relative to the original PD&E project footprint and/or most recent Re-evaluation and the magnitude of the change. Common examples include updated typical sections, maps showing changes in ROW and plan sheets or concept plans showing reconfigured interchanges. (See example at end of this document)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 5 - Public Involvement*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes a summary of all new public involvement completed since the last approval	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting minutes and materials from new public meetings are included in the project file	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes a summary of comments received and the responses	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If there was a Public Hearing held, the Public Hearing Transcript is included as an attachment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 6 – Project or Segment(s) Planning Consistency*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Planning Consistency Table is correctly completed for each segment being evaluated	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) pages are up to date, referenced, and attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Planning Consistency table is filled out for current and future funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

## Section 7 - Evaluation of Changes in Impacts

### Section 7a - Social and Economic

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clearly documents any changes in impacts (positive and negative) for social, economic, land use, mobility, and aesthetics. Includes descriptions of analysis and coordination completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents changes in ROW needs as appropriate. Includes specifics on how much ROW is reduced or increased	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Documents changes in anticipated relocations as appropriate. When there are new relocations, it is prudent to discuss these with the Project Delivery Coordinator (PDC) and Administrator during the OEM initial review period	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes any new Farmland Coordination and includes appropriate National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) form as an attachment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

### Section 7b - Cultural

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clearly documents changes to impacts for cultural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurrence letters are attached, and the date of concurrence is included within summary of changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any changes in impacts to Section 4(f) resources are correctly documented	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Updated coordination letters and Section 4(f) forms are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Updates to Section 6(f) resources and protected lands are included and new coordination letters are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changes in impacts to recreational areas or protected lands are included	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes the status of any Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 7c - Natural*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes changes in impacts to protected species and habitat, wetlands and other surface waters, and/or Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes a summary of updates to species consultation and surveys as appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provides updates to wetlands impacts including a status of mitigation	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes an updated status for EFH and includes any updated coordination letters	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New agency concurrence letters are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes changes in impacts to designated Aquatic Preserves, Coastal Barrier resources, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Nationwide Rivers Inventory Rivers, and/or Outstanding Florida Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes changes in impacts to Floodplains or Water Resources. Includes changes to pond sites if applicable (or refers to appropriate section if discussed previously) and any increase or decrease of floodplain involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 7d - Physical*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes changes to Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes the status of Highway Traffic Noise. Includes updates to the Noise Studies, and if completed, results of Noise related public involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provides updates to contamination evaluation including the status of each Medium and High ranked site and discussion of contamination review due to design changes or identified sites contaminated after PD&E or the last Re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Describes updates to utility and railroad impacts and new coordination letters are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summarizes changes in impacts to navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 8 - Commitment Status*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project Commitment Record (PCR) is attached and includes status updates on all commitments (verify all sections of the PCR are populated)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Environmental commitments in the PCR are not made to specific people. Commitments are generally made to specific agencies, entities (e.g., county/city), or the public	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	New commitments are listed in the form and added to the PCR	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The applicable Federal Aid Project (FAP) number is used in the PCR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 9 - Status of Permits*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The status and dates of Federal, State, Local and Other Permits required for the project is updated	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes a comment/explanation if a permit listed in the original Environmental Document is no longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

*Section 13 - Links to Supporting Documentation*

Yes	No	N/A		OEM QA
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		All items referred to as attachments in the form are included in this list	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		All links open to the correct document	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Supporting documents are legible and oriented correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Supporting documents are "Final" versions and not "Draft"	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Supporting documents are complete (e.g., stamped USFWS concurrence letters should include the entire letter, not just the first page)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:				

## **Supporting Documentation attached to the Re-evaluation Forms vs. Documents only uploaded to the SWEPT project file**

- Some projects may require additional attachments. Please evaluate each project as necessary
- Be sure attachments are labeled and linked to the appropriate location in the Re-evaluation Form
- Attachments should be described/named clearly and referenced as noted in the Links to Supporting Documentation section (Section 13)
- Do not include information in the attachments that is repeated from previous Re-evaluation Forms

### **Attach to the Re-evaluation Form:**

- ☐ Project Location Map (if not included in-line within the Re-evaluation itself)
- ☐ New Public Hearing Transcript (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Revised Typical Sections / Engineering plans (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Planning Consistency documents (*if necessary*)
- ☐ Concurrence Letters (*if any changes or new resources are identified*)
- ☐ Any Section 4(f) documents signed by OEM (*if any changes or new resources are identified*)
- ☐ Correspondence representing findings (*if any changes or new resources are identified*) \*Note- Email correspondence with OEM should not be attached unless it includes a finding or concurrence.
- ☐ New Utility and/or Railroad coordination letters (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Project Commitment Record

### **Documents uploaded in the SWEPT project file and referenced in the Re-evaluation Form but not attached:**

- ☐ Technical documents and/or updates [Sociocultural Effects (SCE) Technical Memorandum, CRAS Report, Natural Resources Evaluation (NRE), Noise Study Report (NSR), Pond Siting Report (PSR), Surveys, etc.]
- ☐ Public involvement documents or summary of public meetings \*Note- Large volume public involvement documents do not need to be attached but should be summarized in the Re-evaluation Form itself (new Public Hearing Transcript / Certification Form are attachments, as noted above)
- ☐ Other pertinent project related correspondence (*as needed*)

## Examples of Maps Showing Design Changes

















