

Intergovernmental Review Process

This process should be initiated prior to submitting your application to EPA!

BACKGROUND

Executive Order 12372 and EPA's implementing regulation 40 CFR Part 29 require that all interested state, area-wide, regional, and local agencies be given the opportunity to review and to comment on proposed Federal assistance within their area(s) of jurisdiction or influence. The regulations also provide for implementation of the requirements of Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, as amended, which apply to all Federal assistance.

EPA cannot award assistance until all interested parties (e.g., State agencies, Planning and Economic Development agencies) have been given the opportunity to review the proposed project and all concerns of these agencies about the proposed project have been satisfactorily disposed of by the applicant.

We recommend you begin the Intergovernmental Review (IR) process as early as possible, preferably at least 60 days prior to submitting your application to EPA. The IR process varies by State, so we encourage you to contact your State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to determine if an application review is required. A list of state SPOCs may be found at the following [OMB web site](#). In Region 6 Arkansas and Louisiana have state SPOCs, each are identified below:

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Due to the elimination of SPOCs in the States of **NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS**, it is now necessary that applicants submit their applications to the appropriate state, county, and area-wide reviewing agencies. It is not necessary to send an application to all Development Districts and agencies listed but only to those agencies responsible for the area(s) affected or that may be affected by your proposed project. Links to the state specific regional planning districts and council of governments are listed below.

NEW MEXICO – please see link below for the seven Regional Planning Districts/Council of Governments

http://nmdfa.state.nm.us/Regional_Planning.aspx

OKLAHOMA – please see link below for the eleven Association of Regional Councils

<http://oarcok.org/>

TEXAS - Please see link below, all 24 Texas regions are listed alphabetically. On the map, point and click on a region for contact and other information, (i.e. the counties that are served), for the regional council of governments.

http://www.txregionalcouncil.org/display.php?page=regions_map.php