



**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Office of Pipeline Safety & Office of Planning & Analytics**

**Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and
Modernization (NGDISM) Grant Program
Tier 2 Site Specific Section 106**



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NGDISM Section 106

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- NGDISM Grant Program Reminders and Updates
- NGDISM Section 106 Overview
- Request for Information
- Questions



Tier 2 EA – Section 106 Process

- National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

- The nation's primary historic preservation law -- Defines the legal responsibilities of Federal agencies with respect to the preservation and stewardship of historic properties.
- Section 106 of the NHPA requires:
 - Federal agencies take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties; and
 - Afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment.
- Federal undertaking includes any project that requires a permit or receives federal funding
- Section 106 must be completed for all BIL grant projects prior to expenditure of funds or any work taking place.



Section 106 – Roles and Responsibilities

- PHMSA
 - Lead Federal agency
 - Conduct review and analysis
 - Responsible for all coordination with SHPO/THPO
- Applicants
 - Provide information related to project details
 - Photographs
 - Representative of the project area



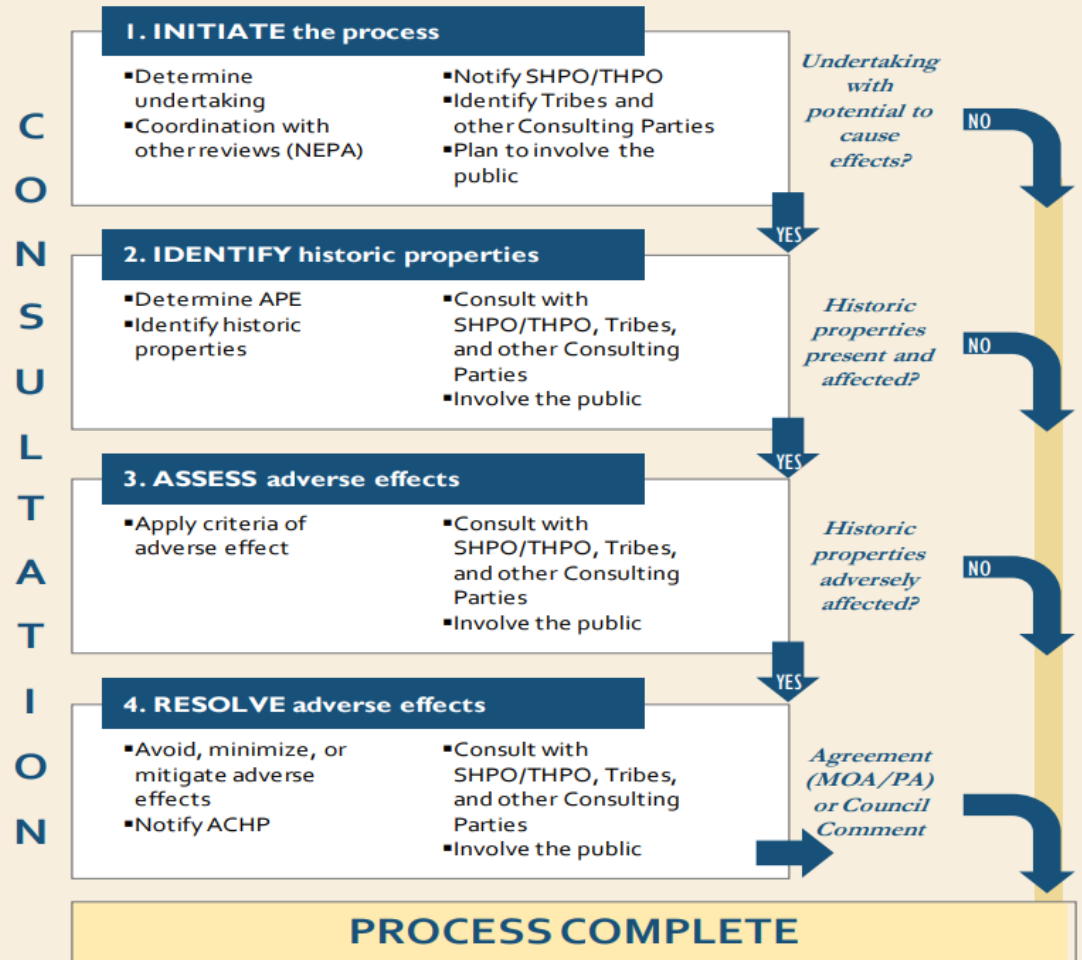
Tier 2 EA – Cultural Resources

• Tier 2 Analysis

■ Input needed

- *Undertaking* = project scope
- *Consulting parties* – local contacts
- *Identification and Evaluation* – Project setting, local resources
- *Adverse effects* - identify Avoidance, Minimization or Mitigation Measures

THE SECTION 106 PROCESS



Tier 2 EA – Cultural Resources

- No Potential to Cause Effects:
 - Purchasing Equipment
- Potential to Cause Effects:
 - Any type of digging, subsurface construction, or ground disturbance. Including:
 - Construction in previously disturbed soils
 - Construction activities within existing rights-of-way
 - Open trenching or directional drilling
 - Pipe sleeve construction method with limited construction locations
 - Above ground addition of pipelines, regulator stations, and other ancillary equipment
 - Meter relocations on homes



Tier 2 EA – Section 106 – Request for Information

- Project description should be as **clear** and **detailed** as possible about *all* project activities.
- Clear map(s) showing locations of *all* project activities with road names.
- Brief description of the ROW
 - ROW width
 - Maps or shapefiles showing ROW limits, if available
- Staging areas
 - Locations of staging areas
 - Brief description of staging areas – paved or unpaved?
 - If staging areas are currently unknown, please note this in the Tier 2 submittal.



Tier 2 EA – Section 106 – Request for Information

- Limits of ground disturbance
 - Maximum depth and width of ground disturbance
 - Where will ground disturbing activities take place?
 - How far from the existing line will the new line be installed?
 - Will ground disturbance be under the roadway, sidewalks, or in a grassy area adjacent to the roadway?
- Previous ground disturbance
 - Documentation of previous ground disturbance, if available
 - Such as as-builts, standard cross-sections, etc.
 - What are the existing utilities in the areas of ground disturbing activities?
 - What are their locations in relation to the project work?



Tier 2 EA – Section 106 – Request for Information

- Photographs of the project areas:
 - Handful of representative streetscape photos
 - At least one photo of any properties that appear to be architecturally ornate, unique, or otherwise historically significant
 - Photos of staging areas



Tier 2 EA – Section 106

Questions?

