

Brief: Updates to PEPC for Documenting Tribal Consultation with Streamlined Review

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Key Takeaway: Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) will be updated on Sept. 20 to implement a patch to document tribal consultation with the Streamlined Review Process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

Impacts:

- **Step 4: Natural/Cultural Compliance: NHPA/CRM Page**
- **Option to complete THPO section available for Streamlined Review**
- **Option available for both “No Historic Properties Affected” and “No Adverse Effect” determinations**

Changes to Processes

Step 4: Natural/Cultural Compliance: NHPA/CRM: Edit Mode

- Assessment of Effect: No Historic Properties Affected or No Adverse Effect / Documentation Method: Streamlined Review
 - User will see a THPO section and will be able to select THPO Required: Yes/No; Sent Date; Response Received Date; selection for No THPO Response Received After 30 Days; SHPO/THPO Notes field.

Step 4: Natural/Cultural Compliance: NHPA/CRM: View Mode

- THPO Required: No
 - No THPO information will be visible in View Mode
- THPO Required: Yes
 - SHPO/THPO Section will be visible**
 - SHPO Required: blank; THPO Required: Yes; Sent: Date; Response Received: Date; selection for No THPO Response Received After 30 Days; SHPO/THPO Notes field.

***Since this is a just a patch to correct the inability to document tribal consultation for streamlined review, there are some minor programming irregularities since the SHPO/THPO module is combined within the database. You cannot remove the SHPO references from the NHPA/CRM Page, but any unwanted SHPO references may be edited or deleted in Microsoft Word on the Assessment of Effect/Sec 106 Form. Once the new PEPC system is deployed, the documentation of the consultation process will be much more robust.*