ADOT Environmental Planning Group
Geotechnical Investigation Biological Clearance Form (Sheet 1 of 2)[1]

General Data

Project Name: _____

TRACS Number: _____

ADOT NEPA Planner: _____

Date form completed: _____ **Date of site visit (if conducted):** _____

Issue date of geotechnical plans used: _____

Location of geotechnical investigation (route, MP limits, county, land ownership):

_____

Are geotechnical test sites and access routes identified on plans? YES ☐ NO ☐

Number of geotechnical sites: **Pits** _____ **Borings** _____ **Cores** _____

Other (describe): _____

Is the geotechnical investigation located on tribal or federal land:[2] YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, has coordination been initiated? YES ☐ NO ☐

Will the agency require a review of biological documentation for geotech? YES ☐ NO ☐

Will the agency accept this format for biological clearance?[1] YES ☐ NO ☐

Habitat type and topography present:

_____

Elevation (feet): **Minimum** _____ **Maximum** _____

Will trees be removed? YES ☐ NO ☐

Will work occur within water? YES ☐ NO ☐

Will work occur within riparian/wetland areas? YES ☐ NO ☐

Will test sites and/or access routes be located in, or cross, confirmed or potential waters of the U.S.? YES ☐ NO ☐

Biological Impacts

Protected Native Plants

Will more than 0.25 acre of protected native plants be destroyed by this activity? YES ☐ NO ☐

Note: If yes, the on-call NEPA planner shall notify the Project Manager, ADOT NEPA planner, ADOT regional biologist, and LeRoy Brady (ADOT Roadside Development) immediately to inform them that the Department of Agriculture requires notification of the activity at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the geotechnical investigation.

If yes, were the Project Manager, ADOT NEPA planner, ADOT regional biologist, and ADOT Roadside Development notified? YES ☐ NO ☐

[1] If a detailed biological analysis may be required for geotechnical clearance, coordinate with the regional EPG biologist *before* completing this form.

[2] If on the Navajo Nation, please coordinate with the regional EPG biologist.

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Federally Protected Species

Could suitable habitat for federally listed species be impacted by this activity? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, could the habitat modification adversly affect the species? YES ☐ NO ☐

Are federally protected species likely to be present within the project area? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, could the activity harm/harass/injure/or kill the species? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes to any of the above questions, provide further information regarding impacts on the species:

Sensitive Species

Are there any tribal or federal lands within the activity area? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, do tribal or federal agencies have sensitive species concerns? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, has a tribal or federal agency requested an analysis of sensitive species? YES ☐ NO ☐

Does the project impact any sensitive species? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, list each species and give a brief description of the potential impact for each (attach a seperate table, if needed).

Species	*Potential Impact*

This activity may impact but will *not* result in a trend toward federal listing or loss of viability of this species. YES ☐ NO ☐

This activity may result in a a trend toward federal listing or loss of viability of sensitive species. YES ☐ NO ☐

Additional Information

If the methods of construction, equipment use, and/or season of investigation/duration have a positive or a negative impact on biological considerations, provide a discussion/description:

Mitigation

List others, if applicable

Disturbance to native vegetation will be avoided to the extent possible.

Attachments: **None** ☐ **Photos** ☐ **Maps** ☐ **Species Table** ☐ **Other** ☐

Prepared by qualified biologist (name and firm): _____

Reviewed by ADOT EPG regional biologist (name): _____