Air & Noise

Mobile Source Air Toxics Analysis

Updated Interim Guidance on Mobile Source Air Toxic (MSAT) Analysis in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents - Federal Highway Administration January 2023

FHWA developed tiered approach with three categories for analyzing MSAT in NEPA documents:

Category 1

Projects qualifying as a categorical exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117; Projects exempt under the Clean Air Act conformity rule under 40 CFR 93.126; and Other projects with no meaningful impacts on traffic volumes or vehicle mix.

Project with No Meaningful
Potential MSAT Effects, or Exempt

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Category 2

Projects where design year traffic is projected to be less than 140,000 to 150,000 annual average daily traffic (AADT).

Category 3

Projects that create or significantly alter a major intermodal freight facility that has the potential to concentrate high levels of diesel particulate matter in a single location; or Projects that create new capacity or add significant capacity to urban highways where design year traffic is projected to be greater than 140, 000 to 150,000 AADT; and located in proximity to populated areas.

Project with Low Meaningful Potential MSAT

Projects with Higher Potential MSAT

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- Complete Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Table

Quantitative
 Analysis and
 Modeling
 Required

- Consult
 OES/FHWA and
 GA EPD before
 proceeding
- Will require fleet, meteorological, etc. inputs for MOVES

Information Needed to

Complete VMT Table

Office of Environmental Services

Guidebooks

Environmental Procedures

- ✓ Project Length
- ✓ ADT, or AADT for Existing and Design Year Build and No Build Alternatives

What to Submit to OES for Review

✓ Traffic Diagrams for Categories 2 and 3