

Projects that require the EHP screening form

- **New construction:** Building a new facility or adding to an existing one.
- **Modifications and renovations:** Altering existing buildings or structures, including interior and exterior changes.
- **Physical security enhancements:** Installing or upgrading things like security cameras, fencing, lighting, or access control systems.
- **Ground disturbance:** Any activity that disturbs the soil, land, water, or vegetation.
- **Communication towers:** Construction or modification of towers, including adding antennas or shelters.
- **Training exercises:** Drills or exercises that involve ground disturbance or are not held at a facility designed for such activities.

Projects that may **not** require the EHP screening form

- **Mobile/portable equipment:** Purchasing items that can be moved, such as vehicles.
- **Certain training:** Classroom training or exercises at designated facilities that do not involve any land or building disturbance.
- **Certain exercises:** Drills at facilities like fire and police academies that are designed for that purpose.

Key considerations

- Timing is critical:

The review must be completed before project work begins. Starting a project before receiving EHP approval can result in it being unfunded.

- Group similar projects:

If multiple projects are happening at the same site, they can often be combined into a single EHP review to streamline the process.

- Consider older structures:

Buildings or structures that are 50 years or older must undergo a review to determine if they are historic.

When to submit the EHP screening form

The EHP screening form should be submitted as soon as possible after grant award acceptance to allow enough time for the review process. Projects cannot begin until FEMA has confirmed the completion of the EHP review. Early coordination with FEMA is recommended to ensure compliance and avoid delays.