

**WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM**  
**Hazardous Substance Examination Checklist**

**A. Background Information**

Examiner's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Site Inspection of conditions On-Site and Nearby:**

	On-Site	Nearby	None
1. Dumps or Landfills, especially with drums/containers (read labels if possible: do NOT open or handle! if not labeled, note identifying characteristics)	_____	_____	_____
2. Other debris: household or farm waste	_____	_____	_____
3. Fills (possible cover for dumps)	_____	_____	_____
4. Unusual chemical odors	_____	_____	_____
5. Above/below ground storage tanks	_____	_____	_____
6. Buildings: Chemical storage, equipment repair solvents	_____	_____	_____
7. Structures: Evidence of asbestos	_____	_____	_____
8. Vegetation different from surrounding area for no apparent reason, e.g. stressed or dead, bare ground	_____	_____	_____
9. "Sterile" or modified water bodies	_____	_____	_____
10. Oil seeps, stained ground, discolored stream banks	_____	_____	_____
11. Unnatural characteristics of water: oil slicks, unusual color, etc..	_____	_____	_____
12. Spray operation base: air strip, equipment parking area chemical staging, storage, and mixing areas	_____	_____	_____
13. Machinery repair areas	_____	_____	_____
14. Pipelines, power lines, gas lines	_____	_____	_____
15. Oiled or formerly oiled roads	_____	_____	_____
16. Mounted transformers - evidence of leakage	_____	_____	_____
17. Any mining activity or mining residue: past, present, or future	_____	_____	_____

**C. Note physical evidence of any easements or right-of-ways such as power lines, pipelines or railroad.**

1. Evidence of past uses that might indicate potential problems on the site *(check any that are applicable)*

- a. Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Service stations \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Dry cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Air strip \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Pipelines \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Railroad lines \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Facilities with large electrical transformers \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Petroleum producing \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Landfills \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Scrap metal, auto, or battery recycling \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Military \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Laboratories \_\_\_\_\_
- m. Wood preserving \_\_\_\_\_
- n. Piles of soil, rock, debris \_\_\_\_\_
- o. Any unnatural topographic features \_\_\_\_\_
- p. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nearby land uses, especially upstream or upgradient, that might have had potential problems at the site.  
*(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

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3. Identify known contaminant sites within a 1-mile radius of the site: Has any entity identified any hazardous materials problems on or near the surveyed site (National Priority List, State sites, etc...)?  
(Check with Federal or State Environmental Protection Agencies and local authority).  
*(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

4. Interviews on past land use: owners, county agents, other authorities:

5. Agricultural History:

a. Type, duration, and extent of agricultural activity: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Presence of surface, subsurface drains: Yes  No

**D. Recommendations:**

Project should move forward. Yes  No

Signature and Title of Person conducting survey \_\_\_\_\_