

# D4 Local Program Gazette

## Permits and LAP



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## Permits and your Project

Got permits? If the construction activities proposed by your project triggers a regulatory permit, then you better get started. FHWA cannot consider a project to be “Production Complete” without all of the authorizations, like right-of-way, utility and environmental clearances. One of the components in environmental clearance is having permission by the applicable permitting agencies to do the proposed work; but this isn’t included on your environmental clearance letter.

Planning to install an irrigation pump next to a SFWMD canal? – you’ll probably need an occupancy permit. Speaking of irrigation, how is your water use permit coming along? It’s not hard, but these types of details can really hurt your schedule.

The Construction Checklist references permits in Section 1 “*Right-of-way (ROW) clearances, NEPA compliance have been completed, and appropriate **permits** have been obtained. **Utility and railroad** work arrangements and coordination must be made and properly noticed in the bid proposal*” and you initial that block. Nevertheless, we have noticed a pattern with securing permits in time for Production (yes, after you signed that you have all appropriate permits). Remember, “Production” means that you are completely ready for federal authorization, execution of the LAP agreement, and advertising the project.

We (your District 4 LAP Team) will be discussing how to help you with this stumbling block. We have several ideas, but haven’t ironed out all of the details. Look for changes to the submittal checklists or other means to assist you.

Remember, you must have all regulatory permits in hand (and a PDF sent to your Program Coordinator) by Production.