

Division of Historical Resources
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

Information regarding the Review and Compliance / Section 106
Review process for project permitting.

Note: The Division annually reviews approximately 1100 Federal Section 106 undertakings and approximately 1000 State funded projects.

- On average, the Division (DHR) has a fourteen-business day turnaround for project reviews. Larger Federal or NH DOT, NH DES projects can take longer (30 days) based on the amount and complexity of the information submitted. Smaller projects in communities where there has been greater survey data collected can have reviews completed within a week or a single day. It should be noted the Division prioritized the INVESTNH Housing projects from the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, while that ARPA fund was making grants to communities and developers. We would continue to do so if that or another housing fund were established.

- Depending on whether the project review is for a Federal Section 106 undertaking or a State funded project there are two separate sets of forms and documents that must be submitted for review. The process checklist and step by step instructions can be found on the Divisions new website here: www.nhdhr.dncr.nh.gov/project-review A helpful FAQ page regarding Review and Compliance can be found here: www.nhdhr.dncr.nh.gov/project-review/project-review-compliance/project-review-coordination-faqs

- The DHR has three fulltime positions involved in the Review and Compliance process. One of those three positions is solely dedicated to the program, whereas the other two positions have multiple duties within the division.
 - Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO): \$99,586.50. GF Match.
 - Senior Historian, Below Ground R&C: \$66,573.00. GF Match.
 - Review and Compliance Administrative Assistant: \$51,499.50. Federal Funds.

Note: The Review and Compliance Administrative Assistant position is proposed to be **unfunded** in the division's FY 26-27 budget. This position is critical for the Review and Compliance program as it manages every Request for Project Review and is point position for all Review and Compliance inquiries.

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- The DHR in December of 2023 was awarded ARPA funds by the Governor to develop an online digital platform (EMMIT+) to help streamline the Review and Compliance process. This new platform will allow agencies, consultants, developers and communities to submit all required information online. It will also allow both staff and users to communicate and track where project reviews are in the process more efficiently. The platform goes live in January. **See below for our recent announcement.**

New Review & Compliance Submission Process Coming Soon

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is improving our Review & Compliance processes by implementing a web-based cultural resource information system for submission, processing, and search applications. This new system will synchronize with an updated EMMIT research tool and will allow applicants to submit required documentation electronically with direct access to project tracking and digital review responses by DHR staff. Known as EMMIT+, this online system will replace our hard-copy, mail oriented, Request for Project Review Form in order to initiate federal and state project reviews and related survey products.

Beginning in January 2025, all Applicants seeking DHR comment on federal and state reviews will login to our enhanced EMMIT+ system to submit and track project submissions.

Please check our website in January for instructions on how to access and use EMMIT+. We look forward to working with you all to streamline and improve consultation in order to keep your important projects moving forward.