

Environmental Review: Mandatory category reference sheet

Mandatory categories are categories of project types that require environmental review. These categories are referred to as mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) categories ([MR 4410.4300](#)) and mandatory Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) categories ([MR 4410.4400](#)). Each mandatory EAW and EIS category has an applicable threshold for determining when review is required and assigns a responsible governmental unit (RGU) to prepare and approve the review documents. You can find links to each mandatory category, below.

EAW Mandatory Categories Minn. Rule 4410.4300

Rule Citation	Chapter	Project Type
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.	Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 3. Electric- generating facilities.	Electric-generating facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 4. Petroleum refineries.	Petroleum refineries.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	Fuel conversion facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 6. Transmission lines.	Transmission lines.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 7. Pipelines.	Pipelines.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 8. Transfer facilities.	Transfer facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 9. Underground storage.	Underground storage.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 10. Storage facilities.	Storage facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 11. Metallic mineral mining and processing.	Metallic mineral mining and processing.



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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 12. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	Nonmetallic mineral mining.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 13. Paper or pulp processing mills.	Paper or pulp processing mills.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 14. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 15. Air pollution.	Air pollution.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 16. Hazardous waste.	Hazardous waste.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 17. Solid waste.	Solid waste.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 18. Wastewater systems.	Wastewater systems.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 19. Residential development.	Residential development.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 19a. Residential development in shoreland outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.	Residential development in shoreland outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 20. Campgrounds and RV parks.	Campgrounds and RV parks.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 20a. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.	Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 21. Airport projects.	Airport projects.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 22. Highway projects.	Highway projects.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 23. Barge fleeting.	Barge fleeting.



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4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 24. Water appropriation and impoundments.	Water appropriation and impoundments.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 25. Marinas.	Marinas.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 26. Stream diversion.	Stream diversion.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 27. Public waters, public waters wetlands, and wetlands.	Public waters, public waters wetlands, and wetlands.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 28. Forestry.	Forestry.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 29. Animal feedlots.	Animal feedlots.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 30. Natural areas.	Natural areas.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 31. Historical places.	Historical places.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 32. Mixed residential and industrial-commercial projects.	Mixed residential and industrial-commercial projects.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 33. Communications towers.	Communications towers.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 34. Sports or entertainment facilities.	Sports or entertainment facilities.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 35. Release of genetically engineered organisms.	Release of genetically engineered organisms.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 36. Land use conversion, including golf courses.	Land use conversion, including golf courses.
4410.4300 MANDATORY EAW CATEGORIES.	Subp. 36a. Land conversions in shoreland.	Land conversions in shoreland.

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Subp. 37. Recreational
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EIS Mandatory Categories Minn. Rule 4410.4400

Rule Citation	Chapter	Title hyperlinked
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 2. Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.	Nuclear fuels and nuclear waste.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 3. Electric- generating facilities.	Electric-generating facilities.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 4. Petroleum refineries.	Petroleum refineries.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 5. Fuel conversion facilities.	Fuel conversion facilities.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 6. Transmission lines.	Transmission lines.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 7. Underground storage.	Underground storage.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 8. Metallic mineral mining and processing.	Metallic mineral mining and processing.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 9. Nonmetallic mineral mining.	Nonmetallic mineral mining.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 10. Paper or pulp processing.	Paper or pulp processing.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 11. Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.	Industrial, commercial, and institutional facilities.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 12. Hazardous waste.	Hazardous waste.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 13. Solid waste.	Solid waste.



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4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 14. Residential development.	Residential development.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 14a. Residential development in shoreland outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.	Residential development in shoreland outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 15. Airport runway projects.	Airport runway projects.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 16. Highway projects.	Highway projects.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 17. Barge fleeting facilities.	Barge fleeting facilities.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 18. Water appropriation and impoundments.	Water appropriation and impoundments.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 19. Marinas.	Marinas.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 20. Public waters and public water wetlands.	Public waters and public water wetlands.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 21. Mixed residential and commercial-industrial projects.	Mixed residential and commercial-industrial projects.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 22. Sports or entertainment facilities.	Sports or entertainment facilities.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 23. Water diversions.	Water diversions.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 24. Pipelines.	Pipelines.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 25. Incinerating wastes containing PCBs.	Incinerating wastes containing PCBs.

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4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 26. Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.	Resorts, campgrounds, and RV parks in shorelands.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 27. Land conversion in shorelands.	Land conversion in shorelands.
4410.4400 MANDATORY EIS CATEGORIES.	Subp. 28. Genetically engineered wild rice.	Genetically engineered wild rice.