

Permitting and Regulatory Support



Compliance coordination, permitting strategies, mitigation planning, and more

Headway Environmental provides comprehensive permitting and regulatory support for environmental and ecological challenges relating to streams, wetlands, baseline conditions assessments, special-status species, habitat assessment, environmental site assessment, and more.

We have a thorough understanding of the legislative acts—including the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and broad experience with the federal, state, and local environmental rules and regulations in place across the U.S. Our permitting and regulatory support experts are ready to provide the best recommendations to help you achieve the environmental compliance requirements of your project.

In addition, we provide professional analyses, opinions, and expert witness services to both public and private interests. Whatever your regulatory compliance challenge, we have the team and the knowledge to help you overcome obstacles, avoid delays, and secure the environmental approvals you need.

Clean Water Act (CWA) Permits

Our team includes former state-level regulators with extensive experience in CWA Section 404 Permits and 401 Water Quality Certifications. We understand the impact thresholds of each permit and the importance of permit requirements. We are experts in the Nationwide Permit process and how to minimize project delays due to permitting schedules.

We also have experience in Section 9 and 10 permitting (per the Rivers and Harbors Act).

Our full suite of CWA permitting services includes:

- Initial baseline assessment and evaluation to identify streams and wetlands
- Impact analysis and permitting/mitigation strategic planning
- 401, 404, Section 9, and Section 10 Permitting
- Mitigation plans

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance

Headway Environmental can help you establish and maintain full compliance with the environmental regulations governing your federally funded and permitted project.

Our NEPA specialists develop professional recommendations for minimizing, mitigating, and permitting any potential environmental impacts and prepare all the required documents, from Categorical Exclusions to Environmental Impact Statements.

Our expertise includes the preparation of the required NEPA documentation for many sectors and agencies including energy, transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)

Headway Environmental provides thorough Phase I Environmental Site Assessments in accordance with ASTM Designation: E1527-21 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessment: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process (November 2021). This critically important step in the due diligence process for any project includes searches of government, real estate, and commercial use records to help identify existing or potential environmental contamination liabilities, and property walk-through to observe and record obvious environmental conditions.



Agency Coordination

Headway Environmental brings decades of experience to the task of coordinating with federal and state agencies and authorities to ensure projects stay on track—from pre-planning to completion.

Our experts will manage all interactions with federal and state agencies including:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Federal Highway Administration
- State environmental protection, natural resources, and fish and game, wildlife, tribal, and transportation agencies

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Compliance Coordination

Our FERC specialists can help you conduct the studies, compile the documents, and file the applications required for FERC approval. We are authorized to contract directly to FERC as an independent third-party contractor.

Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Planning

Headway Environmental's Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure SPCC specialists can develop site-specific plans to prevent and control spills, including countermeasures, best spill management practices, monitoring, and reporting—all as required by the local, state, and federal regulations applicable to your project. Our spill-related services include:

- SPCC development
- SPCC short- and long-term monitoring
- Coordination and reporting with regulatory authorities

Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA)

Headway Environmental has deep expertise in NRDA protocols and techniques, and a fast-response capability to help you manage any emergency. We'll help you determine the types and amount of restoration needed to offset damage to fisheries, wildlife habitats, and humans.

Our NRDA capabilities include:

- Spill assessments
- · Recommendations for damaged site restoration
- Natural resource economics
- Expert testimony

Community Wildfire Prevention Plans (CWPP)

Headway Environmental's fire specialists can develop comprehensive pre- and post-fire assessments. Our services include the development of Community Wildfire Prevention Plans that document fire-related risks.

Our CWPP-related capabilities include:

- Prevention and restoration measures required by affected communities
- Full compliance with provisions of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA)

Streamline your path to environmental approvals.

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