



GOVERNMENT OF CROSS RIVER STATE  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, OPPOSITE CULTURAL CENTRE, CALABAR

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCEDURES AND CHARGES**

In accordance with the Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette, S.I. No 109, Environmental Impact Assessment Procedures and Charges Regulations, 2021/B4189-4208, and EIA Act CAP E12 LFN 2004 which made EIA mandatory for all major development projects, individuals and organizations seeking to carry out EIA study should go through the following process in order to ensure that the project is implemented with maximum consideration for the environment:

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| <b>Step 1</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A proponent who wishes to embark on any development project shall notify the EIA Department in writing through the Honorable Minister Federal Ministry of Environment by the submission of a project proposal and a duly completed “EIA Notification Form” upon the payment of N50,000, application fee.</li><li>- EIA notification form is obtained from Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Independence Way South, Central Business District, Abuja FCT.</li></ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> All proposed EIA Projects in the State must be registered with Environmental Protection and Assessment Department, Cross River State Ministry of Environment Opposite Cultural Centre, Calabar</p> |
| <b>Step 2</b>   |
| <p><b>Minimum qualification for EIA project Environmental Consultant.</b></p> <p>Any firm or institution which seek to conduct EIA studies shall deploy a qualified EIA project Environmental Consultant who shall meet the following requirements:</p>   |

1. Be a Nigerian
2. Be educated up to a post graduate level or equivalent in a relevant discipline
3. Possess minimum of seven years of relevant EIA experience such as
  - a. Have verifiably been lead consultant or preparer on more than 5 EIA study that have successfully passed through the ministry's EIA approved process.
  - b. Possess valid certification ad EIA project consultant from the ministry
4. Show evidence of tax clearance.
5. Must be a registered environmental consultant with the Cross River State Ministry of Environment

### **Step 3**

#### **Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) – Screening**

Upon receipt of the project proposal and the completion of EIA registration from the proponent, the Ministry carry out an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and assign the project or activity into category I and II and III project. Criteria for categorization of project shall be the:

- a. Magnitude, which is the extent or scope
- b. Duration
- c. Risk
- d. Significance
- e. Mitigation measures available for associated and potential impacts Time Frame: Within One (1) Month.

### **Step 4**

#### **Scoping /Terms of Reference (TOR)**

-The proponent shall carry out a scoping exercise to ensure that all significant impacts and reasonable alternatives are addressed in the intended EIA

- Submission of Terms of Reference (TOR) indicating the scope of the proposed EIA to the Director, Environmental Assessment, Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Independence Way South, Central Business District, Abuja FCT.
- It is expected that the proponent make this submission within one (1) month after the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE).
- Approval of Terms of Reference (TOR) is within two(2) weeks after submission.

### **Step 5**

#### **Site Verification / Data Gathering**

Upon the approval of the Terms of Reference by the Hon. Minister of Environment, the ministry schedule a date for site verification and data gathering.

- This shall be conducted by regulators from Federal and State Ministry of Environment.
- The Environmental Consultant must be present in the site to provide relevant information.
- Data gathering is carried out under the supervision of the regulators.
- Site verification is scheduled within two(2) weeks after the payment of proponent facilitation charge of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (₦500,000.00) only to the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Independence Way South, Central Business District, Abuja FCT.

### **Step 6**

#### **Lab Analysis**

- Samples collected are analysed in Federal and State Ministry of Environment accredited laboratories
- The laboratory analysis shall be witnessed by regulators.
- Laboratory analysis is carried out immediately after sample.
- Proponent facilitation charge of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (₦250,000.00) for Laboratory analysis witnessing, he is paid alongside the site verification fee to the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment Abuja, FCT.

## **Step 7**

### **Submission of Draft Report**

The proponent shall submit a draft EIA report (in hard and soft copies) to the EIA Department, Federal Ministry of Environment Abuja for review.

Time Frame: It is expected that draft report is submitted within two (2) months after the site verification/sampling.

## **Step 8**

### **Public Display**

- Public review of documents, display and disclosures for a period of 21 working days.
- The venues of display shall include the affected Local Government Area, the Cross River State Ministry of Environment, the Federal Ministry of Environment Headquarter and Cross River State field office as well as electronic portals and websites of relevant organizations

## **Step 9**

### **Panel Review**

- The Federal Ministry of Environment shall inform the proponent in writing on the method of review of the draft EIA report.
- It must have in attendance the representative of;
  - i. Hon. Minister of Environment
  - ii. CRS Commissioner for Environment
  - iii. Chairman of the Local Government where the project is located.
- Panel site visit may be initiated during the review meetings which may be held virtually or physically

- Panel review is carried out immediately after the twenty-one (21) working days public display, and after the payment of the Panel review/Technical review (Proponent facilitation charge) to the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Abuja, FCT.
- Charges
  - i. In-house technical review - ₦500,000 – ₦1,500,000
  - ii. Panel review - ₦1,000,000 – ₦ 10,000,000

**NOTE:** The Review method is determined by the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) of the Project. As stated in step 3

**Step 10**

Submission of final report to the Federal Ministry of Environment

**Step 11**

**Certification**

- The proponent may after certification, proceed to implement the project in accordance with all the stipulated mitigation measures as contained in the final report.
- Certification is done immediately all the observations, comments/inputs raised by the Regulators and Specialist during panel review are effected accordingly in the EIA report and verified by the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Abuja, FCT.
- Certification fee is One Hundred Thousand Naira (₦100,000.00) only.

**EIA and post-EIA proponent facilitation charges**

|                                 |   |            |   |             |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|---|-------------|
| 1. Registration                 | - | N50,000    |   |             |
| 2. Site Verification            | - | N500,000   |   |             |
| 3. Scoping Workshop             | - | N500,000   |   |             |
| 4. Data Gathering Witnessing    | - | N250,000   |   |             |
| 5. Data Analysis Witnessing     | - | N250,000   |   |             |
| 6. In House Technical Review    | - | N500,00    | - | N1,500,000  |
| 7. Panel Review                 | - | N1,000,000 | - | N10,000,000 |
| 8. Impact Mitigation Monitoring | - | N500,000   |   |             |
| 9. Issuance of Certificates     | - | N100,000   |   |             |
| 10. Certificate Re-Issuance     | - | N500,000   |   |             |

**- Note:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment is coordinated by the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Independence Way South, Central Business District, Abuja FCT.
- All payments are made to the Environmental Assessment Department, Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House, Independence Way South, Central Business District, Abuja FCT.
- The ministry shall during the implementation of the project, monitor the progress of the project from site preparation to commissioning in order to ensure compliance with all stipulated mitigation measures and project specification.

- The exercise shall be carried out by regulations from the Federal, and State Ministry of Environment as well as Local Government where the project is located.

For more information, enquiry or complaints please visit the Cross River State Ministry of Environment, Opposite Cultural Centre Complex, Calabar or call the Director Environmental Protection and Assessment Department, Opposite Cultural Centre, Ministry of Environment, Calabar on Phone Number: 08035583387.



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