

# Agricultural Impact Statements

Help for agricultural landowners and operators when public projects cross your land

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## Who We Are

We provide farmers with resources and a voice when public projects are proposed on farmland. Farmers can expect to hear from us whenever electric transmission lines, highways, substations, or natural gas pipelines impact farmland.

We're available to answer your questions about projects, the review process and project timelines. We can also direct and guide you through any available project comment periods.

## Potential Impacts to Farmland

Construction activities across your land can impact your farming operation. We consult with the project initiators to reduce impacts before, during, and after construction. Potential impacts include:

- ▶ Soil erosion, soil compaction and soil mixing with underlying soils
- ▶ Increased rock content in soils
- ▶ Damage to drain tiles and drainage
- ▶ Disruption to irrigation systems
- ▶ Damaged or altered fencing
- ▶ Changes to field access
- ▶ Introduction or spread of weeds
- ▶ Loss of organic certification

## Agricultural Impact Statements

We prepare an agricultural impact statement (AIS) when a public project will purchase farmland or purchase easements on farmland, and the purchaser (utility/agency/municipality) has the authority to potentially condemn.

Through our outreach, analysis, and reports, we provide information to agricultural landowners about projects that could affect their property, and help convey your concerns and possible solutions to the purchaser and agencies that regulate the project.

To the purchaser and regulatory agencies, we also recommend actions that are intended to lessen the impacts to your land and operation.

## We Provide Farmers with Information on:

- ▶ Potential construction impacts
- ▶ Recommendations to lesson impacts and resolve concerns
- ▶ Project alternatives and routes
- ▶ Additional informational resources
- ▶ How to participate in the project review process

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