

Federal Railroad Administration MAGLEV Deployment Program Environmental Oversight



Description

Under contract to a large engineering firm, FHI reviewed five Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) documents for compliance with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) environmental documentation guidelines and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. The EAs were submitted to the FRA by different applicants, seeking funding for commuter rail projects powered by MAGLEV technology. FHI reviewed and commented on the Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences sections of each EA for the topics of natural resources, water/wetland/floodplains, ecological resources, coastal zone management, threatened and endangered species, visual resources, traffic/transportation, and parklands. FHI also contributed to the FRA's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the MAGLEV implementation program by drafting the secondary and cumulative impact sections of that document.

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