

# ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructions: The following shall be used as a guide to determine if an environmental audit is needed. The questionnaire is to be completed during an onsite inspection by the lender with the assistance of the owner of the site and/or the prospective borrower.

1. Determine the prior, current and planned uses for the property. If any of these uses involve an operation that used or uses toxic chemicals, conduct a Phase I audit. (Discussions with current/prospective owners can help identify uses.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. To the extent possible, determine the prior, current and planned uses of all adjoining property. If any of these involve operations that used or use toxic chemicals, require a Phase 1 audit.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Conduct a visual inspection of the facility, accompanied by current owners and the prospective borrower. The following observations may trigger the need for a Phase I audit:

- Any evidence that chemicals are used in the operation of the facility
- Discarded chemical containers
- Waste piles of any type (ask about buried waste and the presence of underground storage tanks)
- Evidence of distressed vegetation or non-vegetative areas
- Oily films on standing water
- Discolored soils
- Unusual odors

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Determine whether the applicant has all relevant environmental permits and/or notifications in place. If not, conduct a Phase I audit. (Local regulatory authorities may be consulted for assistance on requirements.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Determine whether the facility has ever been involved in:
- Any citations, claims, or complaints regarding environmental problems
  - Any notices of violations
  - Any environmental clean-up actions

(Discussions with the applicant, as well as local regulatory authorities, can identify facility abuse.) If yes on any point, conduct a Phase I audit.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acknowledgement By The Applicant:

I acknowledge that I have read this questionnaire, and have responded to the issues and questions posed therein to the best of my knowledge.

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Date

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Borrower Signature

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Date

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Seller Signature