

ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

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 on-site inspection by the lender with the assistance of the owner (seller).

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

Comments:

- 2) 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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- 3) 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:

- 4) 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:

Acknowledgement By The Owner (seller):

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

Date

Signature

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Comments and Recommendation of the Lender:

A visit of the site located at:

was conducted by:

(name)

who is the:

(title)

of the:

(lender)

on:

(date)

Based on that site visit and the information contained in the questionnaire it is the lender's recommendation that:

_____ An environmental study be completed prior to closing the loan.

_____ An environmental study is not necessary.

Comments:

Date

Lender

By

Title

