



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4906-4-04 Project area selection and site design.

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(A) The applicant shall describe the selection of the project area. Examples of information that are relevant to this description include:

- (1) A description of the study area or the geographic boundaries of the area considered for development of the project, including the rationale for the selection.
- (2) A map of suitable scale that depicts the boundary of the study area, all siting constraints, and the general sites, routes, and/or route segments which were evaluated.
- (3) A comprehensive list and description of all qualitative and quantitative siting criteria utilized by the applicant, including any weighting values assigned to each.
- (4) A description of the process by which the applicant utilized the siting criteria to determine the proposed project area and any alternative area(s).
- (5) A description of all public involvement that was undertaken in the site/route selection process, including a description of how many and what types of comments were received.

(B) For a proposed electric generation facility, describe the process of designing the facility layout. Examples of information relevant to this description include:

- (1) A constraint map showing setbacks from residences, property lines, utility corridors, and public rights-of-way, and any other constraints of the site design.
- (2) A description of the criteria used to determine the facility layout and site design, and a comparison of any site design alternatives considered, including equipment alternatives where the use of such alternatives influenced the site design.



(C) For a proposed electric power transmission line or gas pipeline:

(1) The applicant shall conduct a site and route selection study prior to submitting an application for an electric power transmission line or gas pipeline, and associated facilities. Examples of information for inclusion in the study include:

(a) A description of practicable sites, routes, and route segments for the proposed facility within the study area.

(b) A description of the routes and sites selected for evaluation, and the factors and rationale used by the applicant for selecting the route or site.

(2) The applicant shall provide a summary table of factors identified in the study. Examples of information for inclusion in the summary table include: a comparison of the routes, route segments, and sites, utilizing the technical, financial, environmental, socioeconomic, and other factors identified in the study; and, the design and equipment alternatives where the use of such alternatives influenced the siting decision.