

# Completed Project Self-Certification

The sponsor is solely responsible for range and facility safety. RCO requires the above certification and evaluation only for its internal purpose to provide another indicator of the appropriate use of state grant. RCO does not in any way review or pass on the adequacy of any certification or evaluation and does not assume any obligation to any person or entity to ensure that such a certification or evaluation is complete or received before or after providing reimbursement.

This statement must be filled out and signed by an employee or officer of the organization receiving funding from FARR program. The Range and Course Safety Policy is limited to this FARR-funded project and the associated ranges. This is not a certification that the range is safe.

RCO project number and name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your organization: \_\_\_\_\_

## Range and Course Safety Policy<sup>1</sup>

RCO does not certify ranges or courses as being safe. However, RCO does require range and course facilities funded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to be acquired, planned, designed, operated, and maintained to contain bullets, shot, arrows, or other projectiles within the facility property and to minimize noise impacts to adjacent and nearby properties. Therefore, all funded projects that directly benefit shooting activities or noise and safety abatement projects must be constructed to contain all projectiles. Depending upon the type of facility, the design must meet guidance published by the National Rifle Association, National Field Archery Association, and the Archery Trade Association.

Projects using guidance from the Archery Trade Association: 1) must be acquired, planned, designed, operated, and maintained to ensure projectiles do not leave the range property that the sponsor has demonstrated its control and tenure over, and 2) must have safety buffer zones on property that the sponsor has demonstrated its control and tenure over.

To determine whether a project meets RCO policy, projects that directly benefit shooting activities and noise and safety abatement projects must be evaluated by a certified advisor from one of the associations identified above, a professional engineer, or other qualified professional consultant with experience and expertise in the evaluation and design of ranges and courses. Project sponsors must provide documentation of the project's evaluation by one of the above reviewers before receiving reimbursement from

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<sup>1</sup>Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-21

RCO. Costs associated with meeting this requirement are eligible administration expenses in the grant.

## Guidance for Certification

In the above policy, “containment” means that projectiles do not leave property under the control of sponsor because 1) the range is being used per its rules that prevent escapement and 2) all human and engineered controls to prevent escapement meet the facility design and are operating at their optimal level.

Meeting a guidance named in the policy above, means the project design and associated range(s) (and/or acquisition) meets the intent of that guidance.

## Sponsor Certification

1) Our organization has contracted with a qualified professional (an evaluator) to inspect and evaluate our completed project for compliance with RCO’s Range and Course Safety Policy, and to produce a completed project evaluation report. I attest to the following:

- The evaluator has determined that the FARR-funded project and its associated range(s) conforms to the RCO’s Range and Course Safety Policy.
- The evaluator declared that they meet the qualifications in the policy.

2) As required, I have attached the evaluator’s completed project evaluation report which, at a minimum, contains the following sections and information:

- Evaluator Scope of Work:** Describes the evaluator’s contracted scope of work and relationship to your organization.
- As-Built Design:** This section must contain a copy of the project’s schematic as-built plans (or acquisition map), schematic of the entire associated range, and summary of its safety plan. State that the completed project was based on the previously evaluated design or planned acquisition contained in the sponsor’s Appendix C and its attached project design evaluation report (note any variances).
- Containment and Noise:** Discuss how the completed project and associated range (and/or acquisition) will (or not) achieve containment and minimize noise, and how the completed project and associated range(s) (and/or acquisition) conform to the Range and Course Safety Policy. Other guidance used also should be noted.

- Conclusions:** Must include a statement indicating the completed project, the safety plan, and associated range(s) conform (or not) to RCO's Range and Course Safety Policy.
  
- Evaluator's Qualifications and Experience:** List all relevant education, employment, licenses, accreditations, recent projects, etc.

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Name and title of person filling out this certification

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Signature

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Date