

Project Design Self-Certification

The sponsor is solely responsible for range and facility safety. RCO requires this certification and evaluation only for its internal purpose to provide another indicator of the appropriate use of state grants. 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 the 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 a range is safe.

RCO project number and name: _____

Name of your organization: _____

Range and Course Safety Policy¹

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 all projectiles on the property and to minimize noise impacts to nearby properties. Therefore, all funded projects that directly relate to shooting activities or noise and safety abatement 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 property that the sponsor has demonstrated control and tenure over, and 2) must have all safety buffer zones on the 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

¹ Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2016-21

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 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 the 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 levels.

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

Sponsor Certification

Check all that apply:

- 1) Our organization has contracted with a qualified professional (an "evaluator") to evaluate our project design and/or planned acquisition and the associated ranges for compliance with RCO's Range and Course Safety Policy, and produce a project design evaluation report. I attest to the following:
 - ☐ The evaluator has determined that the design and associated ranges and/or planned acquisition conform to the RCO Range and Course Safety Policy.
 - ☐ The evaluator has declared he/she meets the qualifications in the policy.
- 2) As required, I have attached the evaluator's project design 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.
 - ☐ **Project Design:** This section must contain a copy of the schematic design and layout of the FARR-funded project and associated ranges, a summary of the range's safety plan, and a description of the project's purpose and its relation to the design and safety plan.
 - ☐ **Containment and Noise:** Description of how the design and associated ranges will or will not achieve containment and minimize noise, and how the project conforms to the policy. Other guidelines used also should be noted.

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

Name and title of person filling out this certification

Signature

Date