



2016 ACE School and RUS Symposium

Objectives

Answer the following questions:

- What is a MAP?
- Why is a MAP conducted?
- Who conducts the MAP?
- Where is a MAP conducted?
- How is a MAP conducted?

What is a MAP?

- An assessment of a borrower's (or potential borrower's) current operations and financial condition
- A means of evaluating a borrower's strengths and weaknesses and identifying next steps for mitigating risk
- Monitoring for compliance with program requirements and regulations may be in scope
- Plant inspections may be included when appropriate

Why is a MAP conducted?

- A loan is being considered where RUS has no prior experience with the applicant, or where the applicant has been on extended hiatus
- A borrower is identified as non-compliant with the terms and conditions of the award documents...i.e. material default, material adverse change
- A borrower becomes delinquent on its loan by being late with payment,
 making partial payment or making no payment at all

Who conducts the MAP?

- Team Leader serves as the person responsible for overseeing the completion of the MAP and facilitating interaction with the borrower
- Field Accountant accounting and record-keeping
- Loan Specialist finance, marketing and business operations
- Engineer engineering, design and construction
- GFR specific borrower knowledge as necessary

Where is the MAP conducted?

- The process is generally completed over a 3-6 week period
- Desk Review 1-3 weeks in Washington, DC
- On-site Visit 1 week (3 days) at the applicant/borrower location
- Debriefing 1-3 weeks in Washington, DC
- The goal is to collect and review relevant information, which may be confirmed and developed on-site and acted upon afterwards

How is the MAP conducted?

- Relevant information for the Desk Review may include:
 - The application
 - The loan/grant agreement
 - Quarterly reports and annual audits
 - Contracts and requisitions
 - Publically available information
 - Other documents identified as relevant on a case-by-case basis

How is the MAP conducted?

- On-site visit is to meet and interview management & staff and to research:
 - A description of the applicant/borrower
 - Personnel information
 - Nature of the market and sales and marketing plan
 - Financial status
 - Property, plant and equipment
 - Compliance with RUS requirements

How is the MAP conducted?

- The debriefing provides general information and an overall assessment:
 - Serious concerns
 - Minor concerns
 - No concerns
- Recommendations
 - High priority
 - Medium priority
 - Low priority





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