1 Environmental Evaluation Surveys

The Environmental Evaluation includes a Human Considerations (HC) survey and a Special Environmental Concerns (SEC) survey. CART display groups supply information to these surveys. Authorized users can copy these display groups and edit the copies to make changes to the HC survey and the SEC survey.

The following procedures are for copying and editing the HC display group and the SEC display group. The procedure for the HC display group describes how to edit the the display group to add a new HC. The procedure for the SEC display group describes how states can customize the SEC survey. These procedures are:

- Adding a New Human Consideration to the Survey
- Customizing the Special Environmental Concerns Survey for Your State

1.1 Adding a New Human Consideration to the Survey

The Environmental Evaluation (EE) in Conservation Desktop (CD) includes a Human Considerations (HC) survey. The HCs in the EE come from a display group in CART. For more information, see the topic What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation.

If NRCS adds a new HC, you can copy the HC display group, then edit the copy to add the new HC. When you publish the copy, the new HC will appear in the EE in CD.

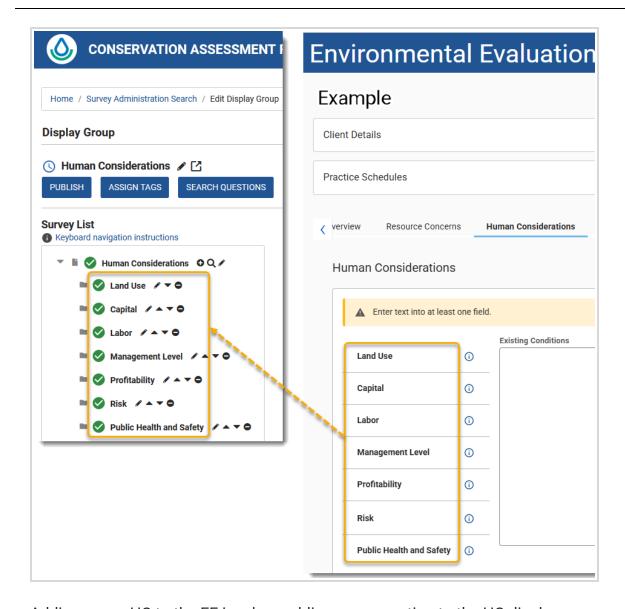
This section of the help provides the following topics:

- What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation
- Copy the Human Considerations Display Group

- Add a Human Consideration
- Publish the Human Considerations Display Group

1.1.1 What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation

Each HC in the EE comes from a *section* in the HC display group. The following image shows how the HCs appear as sections in the HC display group and how the HCs appear in the EE.

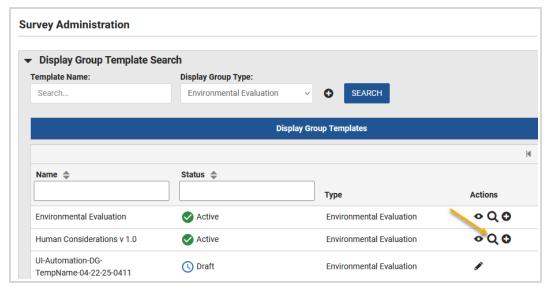


Adding a new HC to the EE involves adding a new section to the HC display group.

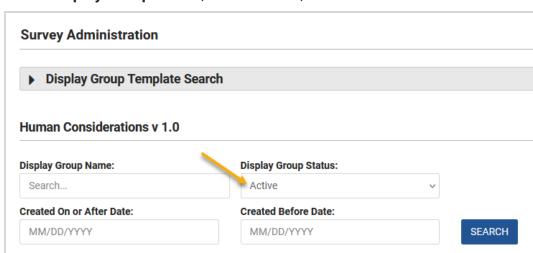
1.1.2 Copy the Human Considerations Display Group

1. Log in to CART as a user with the National Business Tools Coordinator role (assigned in zRoles).

- On the Welcome page, select Surveys.The Survey Administration page opens.
- In the Display Group Template Search area, under Display Group Type, select Environmental Evaluation, then select SEARCH.
 The Display Group Templates table lists the search results.
- 4. In the **Actions** column of the **Human Considerations** template, select search 2.



The page updates and displays additional search fields.



5. Under **Display Group Status**, select **Active**, then select **SEARCH**.

The page updates and displays the Display Groups table.

6. In the **Actions** column of the **Human Considerations** display group, select copy

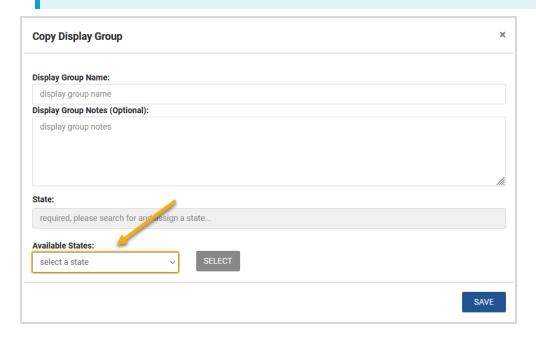


The Copy Display Group dialog opens.

7. In the Copy Display Group dialog:

- a. For the name, enter **Human Considerations v. X.0**, replacing X with the appropriate version number.
- b. In the Available States dropdown list, choose your state, then click SELECT.

Note: When you click SELECT, the State field updates to the state you selected.



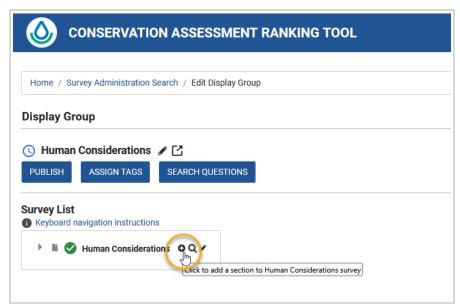
c. Select SAVE.

The copy operation may take a minute or longer. When copying is complete, the **Display Group** page opens to the **Survey List**.

1.1.3 Add a Human Consideration

Note: You must have the National Business Tools Coordinator role (assigned in zRoles) to copy or edit the HC display group

1. Select add next to the **Human Considerations** survey.



The Add Section dialog opens.

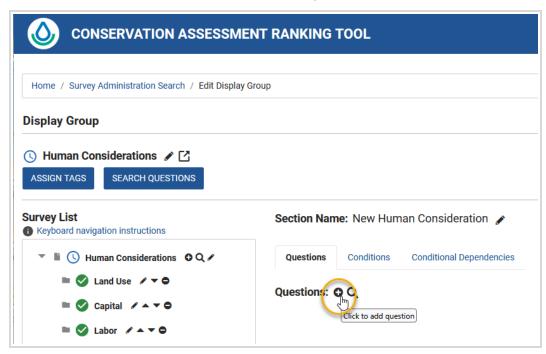
2. In the Add Section dialog:



- a. In the **Section Name** field, enter the name of the new human consideration.
- b. In the **Section Description** field, enter the text that you want to display as info text in the EE. The info text prompts users for their evaluation of the HC.
- c. Select SAVE.

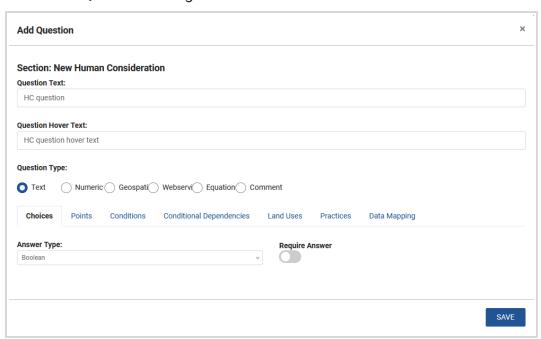
The new section displays.

3. Select add • next to **Questions** to add a question to the new section.



The Add Question dialog opens.

4. In the Add Question dialog:



Important! Sections must have at least one question with question hover text to be marked complete (complete status is required for publishing). However, the HC survey in the EE doesn't currently display questions from the HC display group.

- a. Populate the **Question Text** field and the **Question Hover Text** field. This information will not appear in the EE.
- b. For **Question Type**, leave **Text** selected.
- c. Under Answer Type, select Boolean.
- d. Turn off Require Answer.
- e. Select SAVE.

Note: The complete status indicator will display if the question and section you added have met the requirements to be complete.

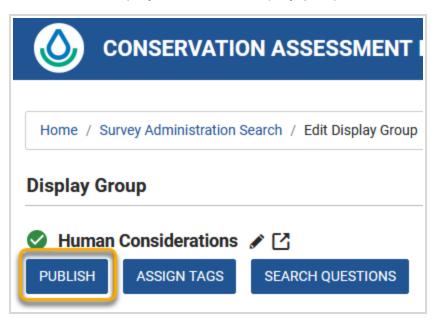
1.1.4 Publishing the Human Considerations Display Group

When you finish adding the new HC to the copy of the HC display group, the final activity is to publish. Publishing will update the EE with the new HC and inactivate the previous HC display group.



Warning! In general, publishing only occurs at nationally designated opportunities, such as fiscal year rollover. Publishing at other times can disrupt work that's in progress.

The display group must be complete to enable publishing. The complete status indicator displays next to the display group name if the display group is complete.



1.2 Customizing the Special Environmental Concerns Survey for Your State

The Environmental Evaluation (EE) in Conservation Desktop (CD) includes a Special Environmental Concerns (SEC) survey. The SECs in the EE come from a display group in CART that includes all of the national SECs. For more information, see the topic What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation.

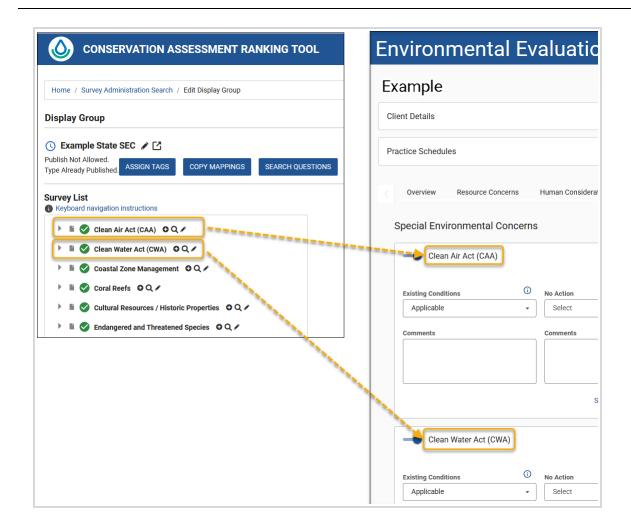
You can copy the national SEC display group, then edit the copy to customize it for your state. When you publish the copy, your customizations will appear in the EE for users in your state.

This section of the help provides the following topics:

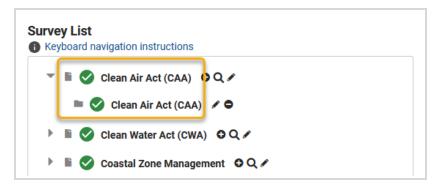
- What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation
- Copy the National SEC Display Group
- Customize Your State SEC Display Group
- Publish Your State SEC Display Group

1.2.1 What the Display Group Does in the Environmental Evaluation

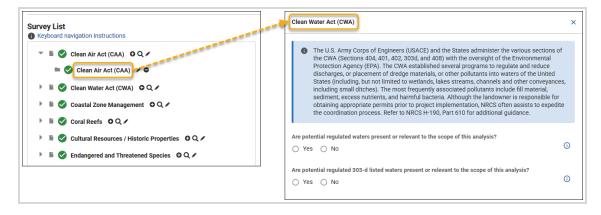
Each SEC in the EE comes from a *survey* in the SEC display group. The following image shows how the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act appear in the display group and in the EE.



Each survey in the SEC display group has a *section*. The following image shows the Clean Air Act survey and its section, which is also named Clean Air Act, is below it.



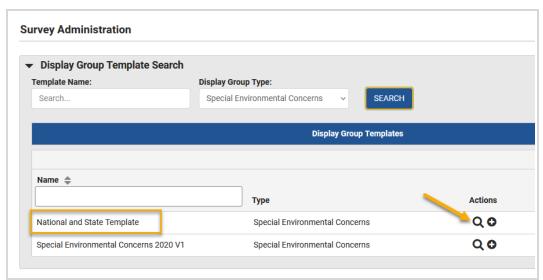
Each SEC in the EE has a guide that helps planners evaluate the SEC. The information in each SEC guide comes from one of the sections in the SEC display group. The following image shows the Clean Air Act section in the SEC display group and the Clean Air Act guide in the EE.



1.2.2 Copy the National SEC Display Group

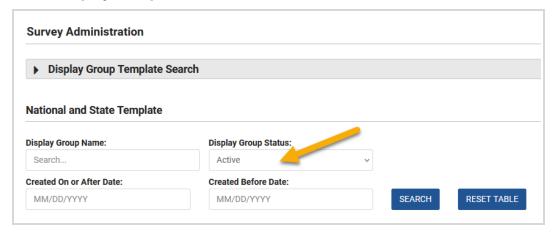
- 1. Log in to CART as a user with the National Business Tools Coordinator role or State Business Tools Coordinator role (assigned in zRoles).
- On the Welcome page, select Surveys.The Survey Administration page opens.

- In the Display Group Template Search area, under Display Group Type, select Special Environmental Concerns, then select SEARCH.
 The Display Group Templates table lists the search results.
- 4. In the **Actions** column of the **National and State Template**, select search



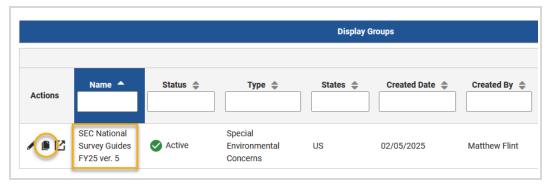
The page updates and displays additional search filters.

5. Under Display Group Status, select Active, then select SEARCH.



The page updates and displays the **Display Groups** table.

6. In the **Actions** column of the **SEC National Survey Guides**, select copy

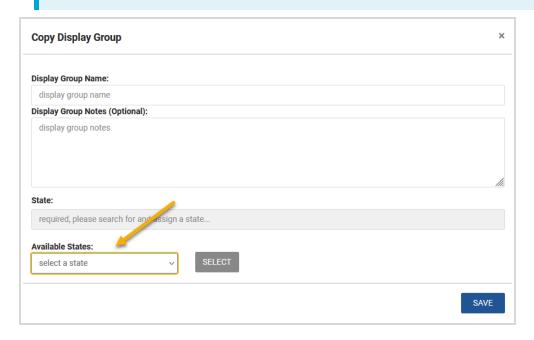


The Copy Display Group dialog opens.

7. In the Copy Display Group dialog:

- a. Enter a name for the display group, using the following naming convention: SEC <state> Survey Guides <fiscal year> ver. <version number>. For example, if your state is Idaho, the name would be "SEC Idaho Survey Guides FY25 ver. 6."
- b. In the **Available States** dropdown list, choose your state, then click **SELECT**.

Note: When you click SELECT, the State field updates to the state you selected.



c. Select SAVE.

The copy operation may take a minute or longer. When copying is complete, the **Display Group** page opens to the **Survey List**.

1.2.3 Customize Your State SEC Display Group



Warning! Editing is not disabled anywhere in your copy of the SEC display group, but *only* edit the parts described in the following topics. Contact the environmental compliance leader at your NTSC if you have questions or need assistance.

You can do the following to customize your state's SEC display group:

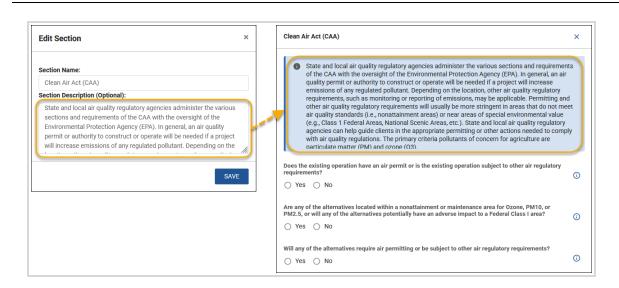
- · Edit a Section Description
- Edit a Question
- · Add a Question
- · Edit Question Hover Text
- Tag a Survey as Not Applicable
- · Edit a Placeholder SEC Survey to Add an SEC

Note: You must have the National Business Tools Coordinator role or State Business Tools Coordinator role (assigned in zRoles) to copy or edit the National SEC Survey Guides display group.

Note: Until your state's SEC display group is published, your customizations won't appear in the EE. See <u>Publishing Your State SEC Display Group</u>.

Edit a Section Description

You can customize the info text in the SEC guides by editing section descriptions in the display group. For example, you can add a reference to your state's FOTG where users can find information about an SEC. The following image shows the Clean Air Act section description in the display group and in the SEC guide in the EE.

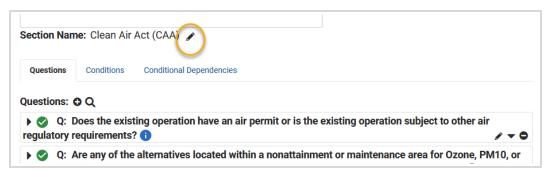


1. In the **Survey List**, expand the survey with the section you want to edit. Select edit next to the section.



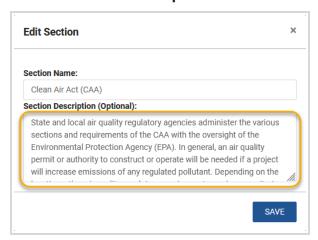
The section name and its questions display.

2. Select edit next to the **Section Name**.



The Edit Section dialog opens.

3. Edit the **Section Description** as needed.





Warning! Do *not* edit the **Section Name**. Editing section names will affect the accuracy of queries and reports. People will be upset.

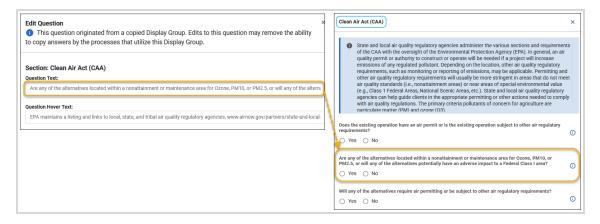
4. Select SAVE.

Edit a Question

You can edit questions in the SEC display group to customize the questions in the SEC guides.

Important! If you add questions or edit questions, the last question must be **Determine an effect and provide your rationale in the boxes below.**

The following image shows a question from the Clean Air Act section that is being edited, and the same question as it appears in the EE.

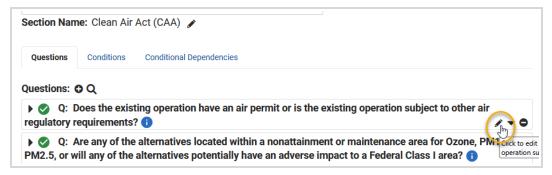


1. In the **Survey List**, expand the survey with the section that has the question you want to edit. Select edit next to the section.



The section name and its questions display.

2. Select edit next to the question you want to edit.



The **Edit Question** dialog opens.

3. Edit the Question Text and Question Hover Text as needed.

Important! If you add questions or edit questions, the last question must be **Determine an effect and provide your rationale in the boxes below.**

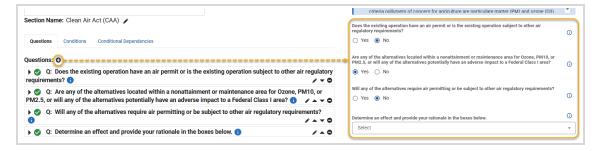
4. Select SAVE.

Add a Question

You can add questions in the SEC display group to customize the SEC guides.

Important! If you add questions or edit questions, the last question must be **Determine an effect and provide your rationale in the boxes below.**

The following image shows the questions in the Clean Air Act section of the display group and the same questions as they appear in the EE.

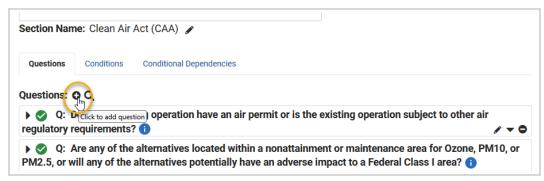


1. In the **Survey List**, expand the survey that has the section where you want to add a question. Select edit next to the section.

The section name and its questions display.

Important! If you add questions or edit questions, the last question must be **Determine an effect and provide your rationale in the boxes below.**

2. Select add next to the **Questions** heading.



The **Add Question** dialog opens.

- 3. Populate the **Question Text** field and the **Question Hover Text** field.
- 4. For Question Type, leave Text selected.

Important! Currently, only text questions can supply answers (choices) to the EE.

5. Leave the **Choices** tab selected.

Warning! Do not use the Points or Land Uses tabs.



If you want to use the **Conditions** tab or the **Conditional Dependencies** tab to set the conditional display of SEC guide questions, contact the environmental compliance leader at your NTSC.

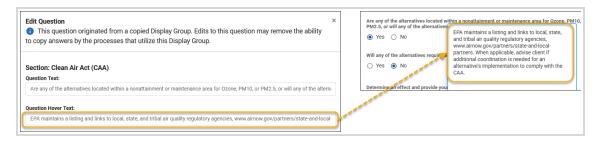
6. Select an option under **Answer Type**.

Note: If you select Multiple Choice, hover text for choices will not display in the EE.

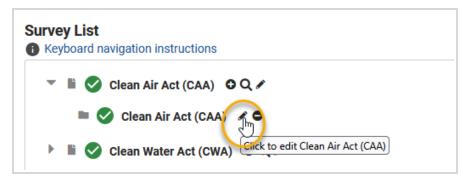
Select SAVE.

Edit Question Hover Text

You can edit question hover text to change the text that users see when they click the info button for a guide question. The following image shows the Clean Air Act hover text being edited, and the Clean Air Act hover text as it appears in the EE.

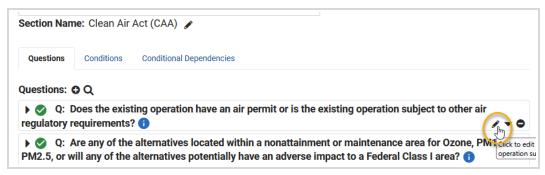


1. In the **Survey List**, locate the section with the question hover text that you want to edit. Select edit next to the section.



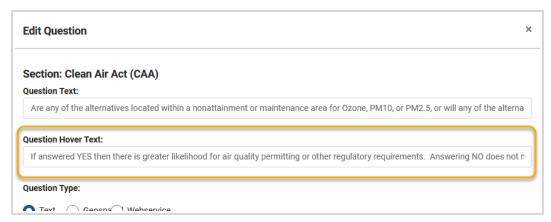
The section name and its questions display.

2. Select edit next to the question with the hover text you want to edit.



The Edit Question dialog opens.

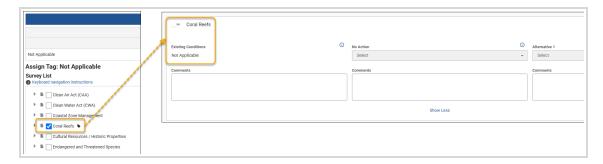
3. Edit the **Question Hover Text** as needed.



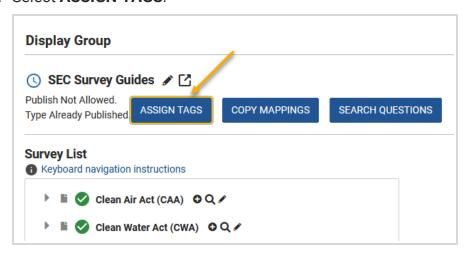
4. Select SAVE.

Tag a Survey as Not Applicable

If an SEC is not applicable to your state, you can add the Not Applicable tag to the corresponding survey in the display group. Adding the Not Applicable tag automatically sets the Existing Conditions to Not Applicable in the EE. The following image shows the Not Applicable tag added to the Coral Reefs survey in the display group and Coral Reefs in the EE with the Not Applicable tag.

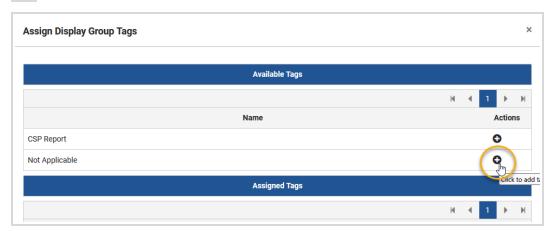


1. Select ASSIGN TAGS.



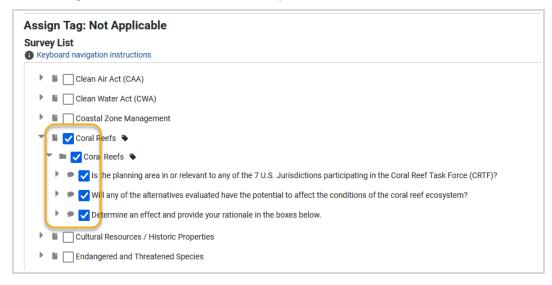
The Assign Display Group Tags window opens.

2. Under **Available Tags**, in the **Actions** column of the **Not Applicable** tag, select add



The **Assign Tag: Not Applicable** dialog opens.

3. Expand the survey and the section you want to tag. Select the checkboxes next to the survey, the section, and all of the questions.



4. Select SAVE.

Edit a Placeholder SEC Survey to Add an SEC

You can edit a placeholder SEC survey to add an SEC that only users in your state will see in the EE. The following image shows a placeholder survey in the display group (Other State SEC 1) and an example state-specific SEC in the EE.



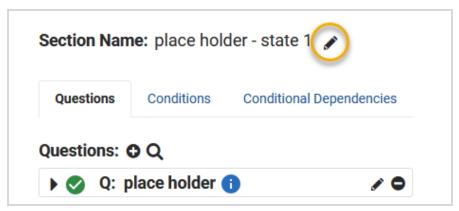
1. Select edit next to one of the **Other State SEC** surveys.

The **Edit Survey** dialog opens.

2. Replace the placeholder text in the **Survey Name** field, and enter a description in the **Survey Description** field. Select **SAVE**.

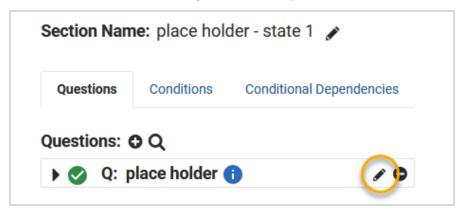
Important! You *must* rename the placeholder survey for the SEC to appear in the EE. Surveys named "Other State" do not appear in the EE.

- 3. Expand the survey and select edit next to the **placeholder** section.
- 4. Select edit next to the placeholder **Section Name**.



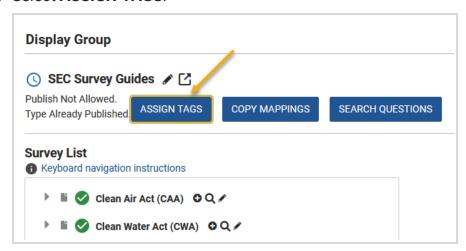
The **Edit Section** dialog opens.

- 5. Replace the placeholder in the **Section Name** field, and enter a description in the **Section Description** field. Select **SAVE**.
- 6. Select edit next to the placeholder question.



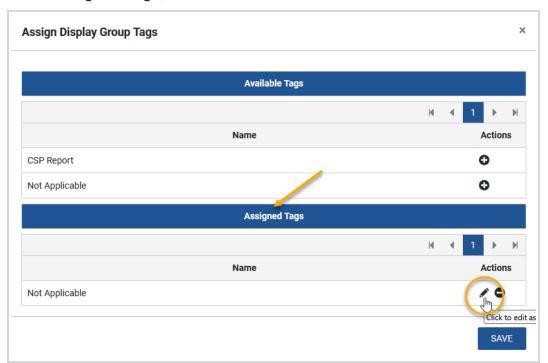
The Edit Question dialog opens.

- 7. Replace the placeholders in the **Question Text** field and in the **Question Hover Text** field. Select **SAVE**.
- 8. Select ASSIGN TAGS.



The Assign Display Group Tags dialog opens.

9. Under Assigned Tags, select Edit.







11. Select SAVE.

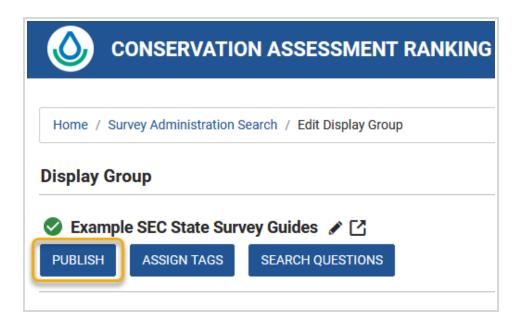
1.2.4 Publishing Your State SEC Display Group

When you finish customizing your state SEC display group, the final activity is to publish. Publishing will update the EE, so that users in your state can see your customizations.



Warning! In general, publishing only occurs at nationally designated opportunities, such as fiscal year rollover. Publishing at other times can disrupt work that's in progress.

The display group must be complete to enable publishing. The complete status indicator displays next to the display group name if the display group is complete.



After your state SEC display group is published, it becomes active. If you need to update your state SEC display group when it's active, there are two methods you can use:

- You can copy your state SEC display group, edit the copy, and then publish the copy. Publishing the copy will inactivate your previous state SEC display group.
- You can promote updates in an active SEC display group if the updates are limited to text changes.

