



NEMS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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| PROGRAM NAME: | National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) | | |
| SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT(S): Ecological Disturbance | DOCUMENT NUMBER: | TBD | |
| | DATE REVISED: | 12/20/06 | |
| | REVISION NUMBER: | 1 | |
| | SUNSET DATE: | 11/20/07 | |
| | PROGRAM LEAD: | Ms. Valerie Nottingham | |
| SECTION 1 – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION | | | |
| The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) establishes policy and requirements for Federal agencies with respect to protecting the environment. Its goal is to prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man. The NIH NEPA program requires that the potential environmental impacts of agency actions be considered before a decision is made to proceed with an action. | | | |
| SECTION 2 – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES | | | |
| FIVE-YEAR GOAL: Maintain compliance with NEPA and mitigate or minimize the NIH's environmental impacts from actions it initiates. | Performance Indicator(s): Inspections completed | | Resource requirements: No additional resources required |
| <i>Justification:</i> Required to comply with NEPA | | | |
| A. Objective: Perform follow-up inspections of mitigation measures that the NIH commits to in its EAs or EISs | Performance Indicator(s): Inspections completed | Responsibility: Valerie Nottingham | Timeframe: October 2007 |
| SECTION 3 – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, SIGNIFICANCE, IMPACTS AND REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| REASON(S) FOR SIGNIFICANCE: | a. The NIH, as a federal entity, can makes decisions to take actions which could potentially impact the environment. NEPA requires the NIH to assess, as an integral part of their decision making process, the potential environmental impacts of their actions prior to initiation of those actions. This ensures that environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before NIH makes decisions to take actions which could significantly affect the quality of the human environment. | | |
| POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL/ ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACTS: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water, air, and land pollution b. Ecological and wildlife quality c. Resource and energy consumption d. Health and Safety e. Traffic congestion f. Noise and other Nuisances | | |

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| | g. Community relations |
| | h. Social, community, and environmental justice |
| LEGAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS: | a. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 |
| | b. HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection |

SECTION 4 – OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

| ACTIVITY(IES) THAT GIVES RISE TO ASPECT | CONTROL(S) | RESPONSIBLE PERSON | MONITORING | RECORDS | ACTION TAKEN IF CONTROL FAILS |
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| CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Definition Rating Index (PDRI) ▪ NIH NEPA Checklist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howie Hochman ▪ Valerie Nottingham | Revise as necessary based on guidance from CEQ or HHS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Checklist Results ▪ CatEx ▪ EA ▪ FONSI ▪ EIS ▪ ROD | Initiate informal education/training. |
| LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PDRI ▪ NIH NEPA Checklist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howie Hochman ▪ Valerie Nottingham | Revise as necessary based on guidance from CEQ or HHS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Checklist Results ▪ CatEx ▪ EA ▪ FONSI ▪ EIS ▪ ROD | Initiate informal education/training. |
| Bulk Fuel Storage (USTs, ASTs, & temporary tanks) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PDRI ▪ NIH NEPA Checklist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howie Hochman ▪ Valerie Nottingham | Revise as necessary based on guidance from CEQ or HHS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Checklist Results ▪ CatEx ▪ EA ▪ FONSI ▪ EIS ▪ ROD | Initiate informal education/training. |

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| Transportation within NIH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PDRI ▪ NIH NEPA Checklist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howie Hochman ▪ Valerie Nottingham | Revise as necessary based on guidance from CEQ or HHS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Checklist Results ▪ CatEx ▪ EA ▪ FONSI ▪ EIS ▪ ROD | Initiate informal education/training. |
| Parking of Vehicles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PDRI ▪ NIH NEPA Checklist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Howie Hochman ▪ Valerie Nottingham | Revise as necessary based on guidance from CEQ or HHS. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Checklist Results ▪ CatEx ▪ EA ▪ FONSI ▪ EIS ▪ ROD | Initiate informal education/training. |

SECTION 5 – RELEVANT DOCUMENT(S)

| DOCUMENT NAME | LOCATION | RESPONSIBLE PERSON |
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| PDRI | Facilities Planning, ORF | Howie Hochman |
| NEPA NIH Review Process (document includes NIH and HHS NEPA checklists) | Environmental Quality Branch, DEP ORF | Valerie Nottingham |

SECTION 6 – COMPETENCY OF RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

| NAME/TITLE | BASIS FOR COMPETENCE |
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| Chief, Environmental Quality Branch, Division of Environmental Protection | Three (3) or more years of experience with NEPA. |
| Facilities Planning Specialists | Three (3) or more years of experience with facilities planning. |
| Environmental Protection Specialists EQB DEP | Three (3) or more years of experience with NEPA. |

SECTION 7 – AUTHORIZATION

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| NAME: | |
| SIGNATURE: | |
| DATE: | |

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