

Memo

New Mexico Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Infrastructure Design Directive
IDD-2006-07 (Environmental Document
Design Directive)

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PSESHARE:Design Directives

In an effort to fulfill the agency's commitments to the delivery of STIP and GRIP programs we have prepared the following new policy and guidance for Review and Development of NEPA Documents for Categorical Exclusions (CE), Environmental Assessments (EA) and Environmental Impacts Statements (EIS) and Selection which is to be used effective immediately on all Department of Transportation projects.

Attached to this memo are the Environmental Document Development and Review directive.

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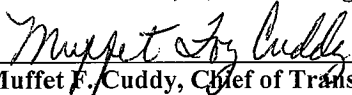
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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION & PROCESS


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PURPOSE: NMDOT’s responsibility to protect the State for acts where the safety, health and welfare of the public are paramount requires accountability on the part of contracted environmental professionals who review and develop NEPA project documentation and provide studies for the processing of those documents.

DEFINITIONS: Definitions provided below are meant to be interpreted as described in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

CE- Categorical Exclusion as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 771.

EA- Environmental Assessment as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 771.

EIS-Environmental Impact Statement as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 771.

GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION & PROCESS:

For DOT Contractors:

Projects by Contractors, where an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) level of effort is the anticipated action:

- The Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor will perform EAs and EISs under the direction of a qualified licensed engineer/architect,
- Where the EA or EIS is provided to the Contractor, the Contractor will be compensated to review the environmental document and action,

For DOT Staff:

In-house projects where an EA or EIS level of effort is the anticipated action:

- The EA or EIS will be performed with concurrence of a qualified licensed engineer/architect;

Other Actions

The NMDOT will determine requirements for Categorical Exclusion (CE) actions on a project by project basis. Programmatic CE’s shall be considered as described in the Programmatic Agreement. Where a programmatic CE is used, the development team shall review for project Level of Effort and application.

Documentation Prepared by Contractors:

The contractor shall provide a Declaration of “Disclosure” as described under Section 1506.5 (c) of the NEPA regulations. The regulation requires contractors who are employed to prepare an environmental impact statement to sign a disclosure statement stating they have no financial or other interest in the outcome of the project.