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The US Army Environmental Center (USAEC) has prepared the *NEPA Manual for Materiel Acquisition*. The document provides recommendations for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in support of US Army materiel acquisition. By following the approach and procedures presented in the manual, users can reduce or eliminate the typical problems often associated with preparing NEPA analyses. The manual has been updated to incorporate the latest requirements specified in 32 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 651 (Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, Final Rule); and the Department of Defense (DoD) 5000 Series.

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PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The NEPA Manual provides advisory information for integrating the requirements of NEPA into the materiel acquisition process. The purpose of this information is to assist persons performing materiel acquisition functions, including program executive officers (PEOs) and program/project/product managers (PMs), with the implementation of NEPA policies and procedures. Application of the information in this manual will help ensure the integration of environmental considerations into the decision-making process. It will also encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions that directly affect the quality of the environment.

The manual is divided into nine chapters:

- Introduction and Overview
- Integration of NEPA Considerations into Acquisition Planning
- Acquisition Category Considerations
- Planning and Initiating a NEPA Analysis
- Categorical Exclusion and Record of Environmental Consideration
- Environmental Assessment Preparation and Content
- Environmental Impact Statement Preparation and Content
- Other Special NEPA Considerations
- Applications of the NEPA Process in the Acquisition Life-Cycle

AVAILABILITY

This manual is a living document that is modified, as necessary, to incorporate changes in federal legislation, Executive Orders, and DoD and Army policy and guidance.

