

## **APPENDIX 1.**

**Flow charts depicting steps for completing:**

**Categorical exclusions.**

**Environmental assessments.**

**Findings of No Significant IMPACT.**

**Environmental Impact Statements. and**

**Records of Decision.**

**CHART 1.  
CATEGORICAL  
EXCLUSIONS.  
CHAPTER 6**

**STEP 1:** SPONSOR DESCRIBES PROPOSED ACTION AND WHY IT IS NEEDED

**STEP 2:** SPONSOR REVIEWS CATEX LISTS IN TABLES 6-1 AND 6-2 TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS ON EITHER LIST. *IS ACTION ON EITHER LIST?*

**GO TO CHART 2, STEP 1B.**

**STEP 3:** IF THE ACTION IS LISTED AS A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION, THE SPONSOR REVIEWS EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN TABLE 6-3 TO DETERMINE IF THE ACTION INVOLVES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

**STEP 4:** SPONSOR PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL. .

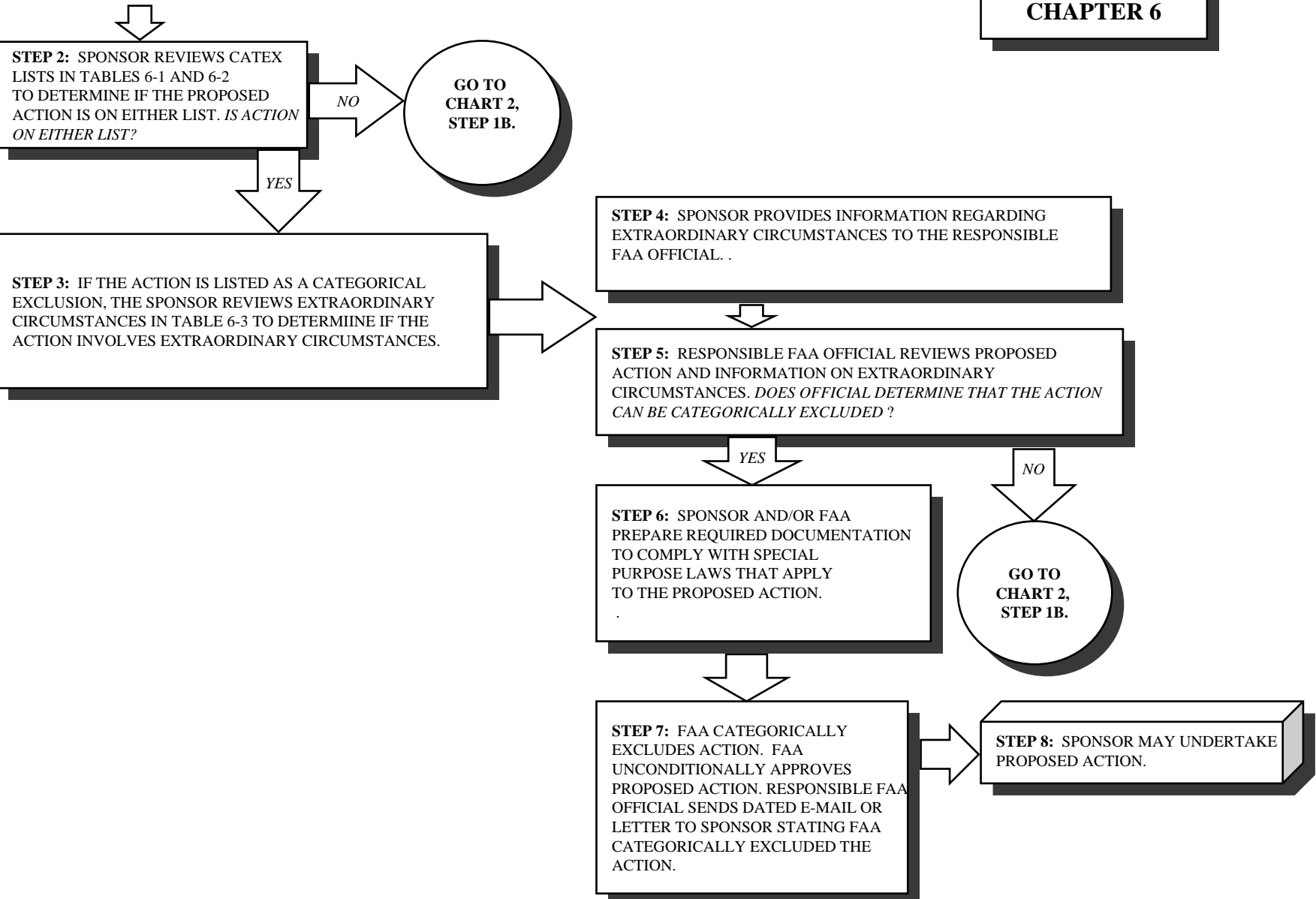
**STEP 5:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL REVIEWS PROPOSED ACTION AND INFORMATION ON EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. *DOES OFFICIAL DETERMINE THAT THE ACTION CAN BE CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ?*

**STEP 6:** SPONSOR AND/OR FAA PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO COMPLY WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. .

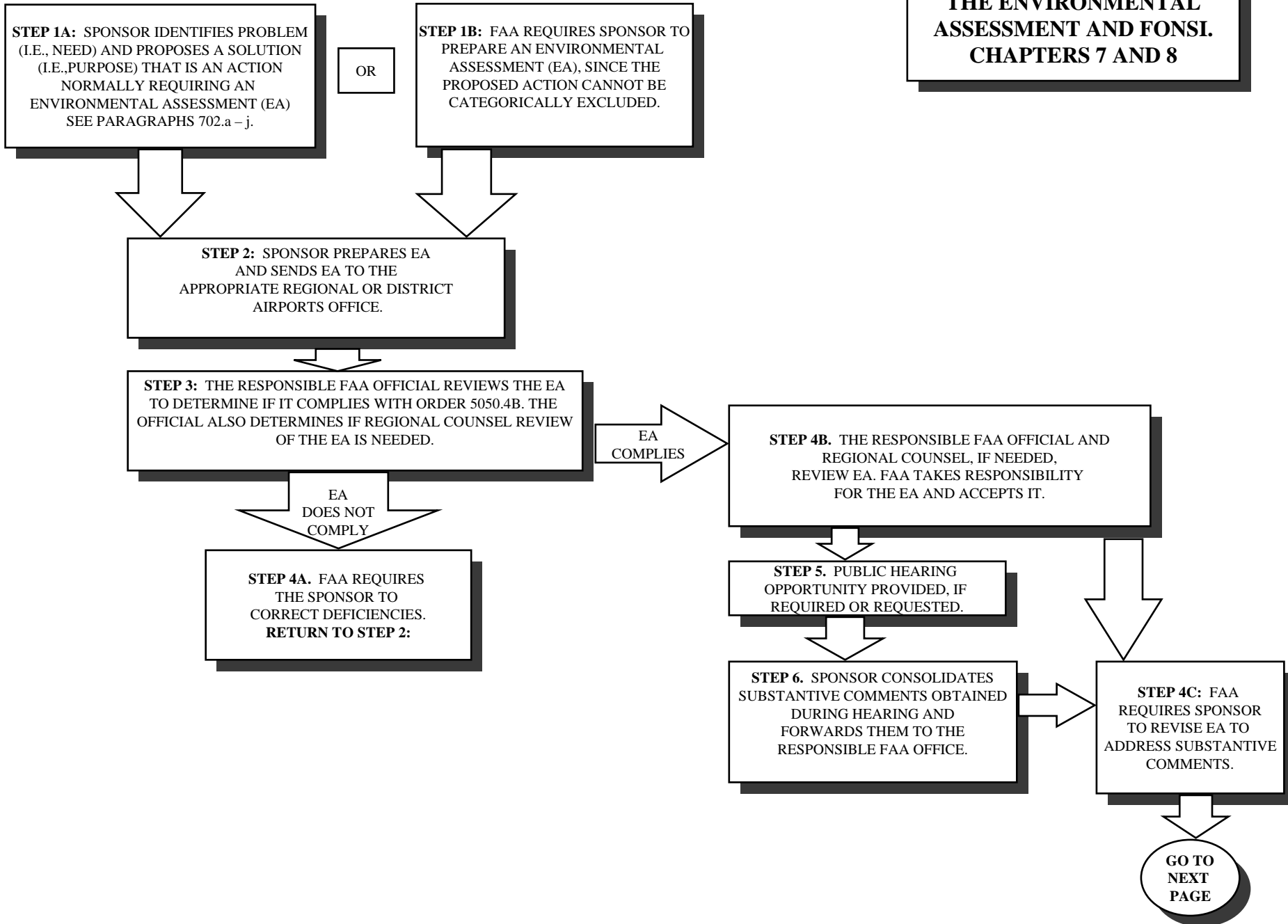
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**STEP 7:** FAA CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDES ACTION. FAA UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVES PROPOSED ACTION. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL SENDS DATED E-MAIL OR LETTER TO SPONSOR STATING FAA CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED THE ACTION.

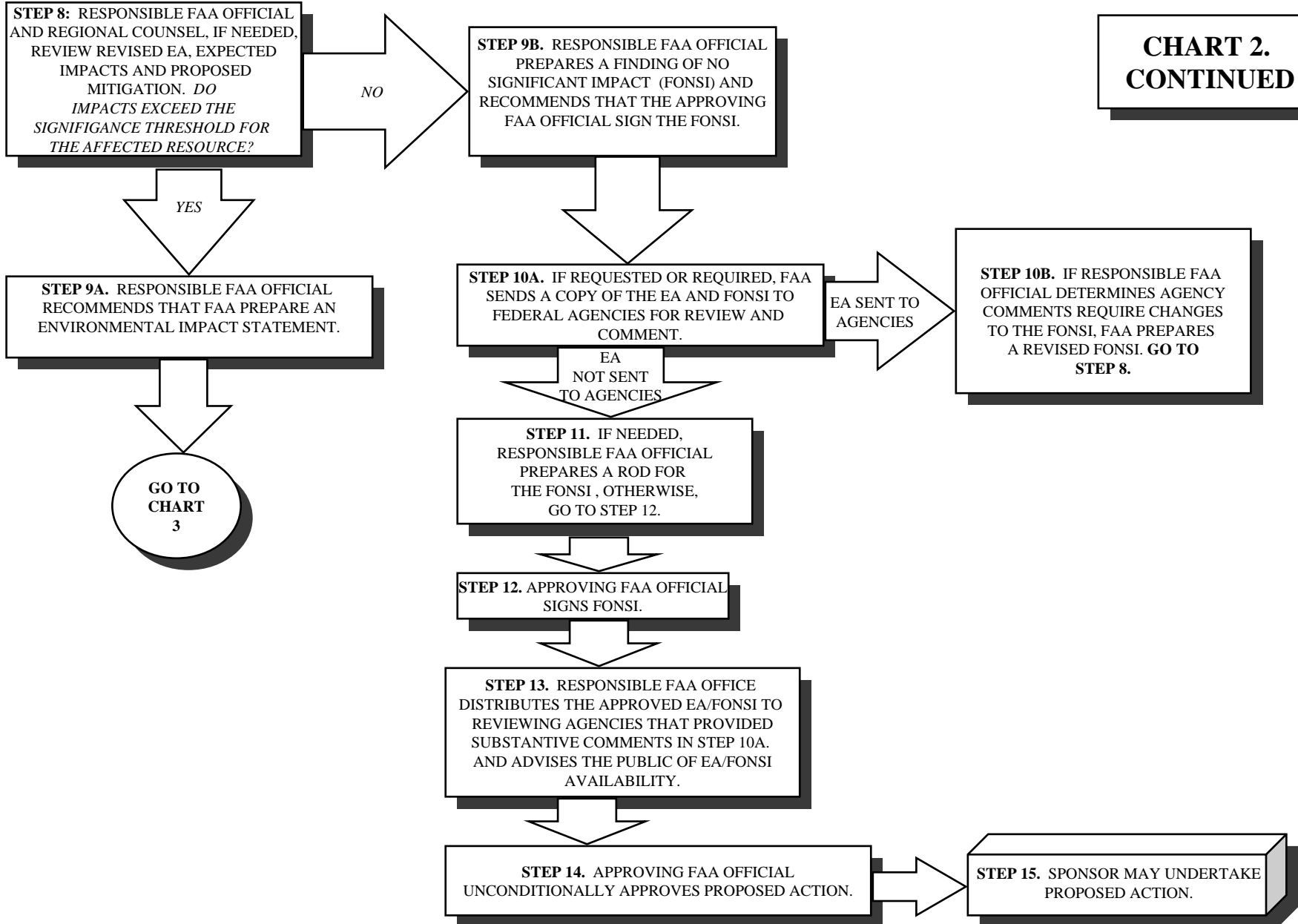
**STEP 8:** SPONSOR MAY UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ACTION.



**CHART 2.  
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CHAPTERS 7 AND 8**

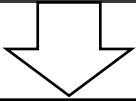


**CHART 2.  
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**CHART 3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION. CHAPTERS 9-13**

**STEP 1:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DETERMINES AN EIS IS NEEDED BECAUSE AN EA INDICATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WOULD OCCUR (SEE **CHART 2, STEP 9A**), OR THE PROPOSED ACTION NORMALLY REQUIRES AN EIS. SEE PARAGRAPHS 902.a – c.



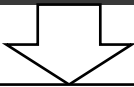
**STEP 2:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICE PUBLISHES “NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN EIS” IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.



**STEP 3:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DEVELOPS SCOPING TOPICS, CONDUCTS SCOPING, AND IF NEEDED, ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITY FOR EIS INPUT TO VARIOUS COOPERATING AGENCIES.



**STEP 4:** FAA SELECTS A CONTRACTOR TO HELP FAA PREPARE THE EIS. THE CONTRACTOR MUST SIGN A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.



**STEP 5:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL COMPLETES DRAFT EIS (DEIS) AND DISTRIBUTES IT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. OFFICIAL SENDS DEIS COPIES TO APP-400. REVIEWS LAST AT **LEAST 45 DAYS**.

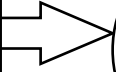


**STEP 6A:** FAA CERTIFIES TO EPA THAT FAA HAS DISTRIBUTED THE DEIS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT. EPA PUBLISHES “NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DEIS” IN *FEDERAL REGISTER*.

**STEP 6B:** APP-400 CIRCULATES DEIS WITHIN FAA.



**STEP 7.** PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED IF REQUIRED. IF REQUESTED, HEARING HELD AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER SPONSOR PUBLISHES MEETING SCHEDULE IN LOCAL MEDIA.



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**CHART 3.  
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**STEP 8:** APP-400 FORWARDS COMMENTS FROM FAA HQ TO RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL

**STEP 9:** FAA PREPARES FINAL EIS (FEIS) BY: REVIEWING COMMENTS ON THE DEIS AND PUBLIC HEARING; REVISING EIS AS NEEDED; AND PREPARING RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DEIS.

**STEP 10:** RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICE SENDS FEIS TO APP-400 FOR REVIEW.

**STEP 11:** APP-400 REVIEWS FEIS. APP-400 RECOMMENDS THAT ARP-1 APPROVE FEIS OR INFORMS ARP-1 THAT EIS APPROVAL IS ALREADY DELEGATED TO THE REGION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION.

**STEP 12:** EITHER ARP-1 OR THE APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL APPROVES FEIS. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTES FEIS.

**STEP 13:** EPA PUBLISHES "NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FEIS" IN *FEDERAL REGISTER*. 30-DAY "WAIT PERIOD" BEGINS.

**STEP 14:** DURING 30-DAY PERIOD, FAA PREPARES RECORD OF DECISION (ROD). REGIONAL FAA APPROVING OFFICIAL OR ARP-1 WILL SIGN ROD, DEPENDING UPON DELEGATION DECISION IN STEP 11.

**STEP 15:** REGIONAL APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL OR ARP-1 UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVES ACTION, DEPENDING ON DELEGATION DECISION.

**STEP 16:** SPONSOR TAKES ACTION.

