



NEPA

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) SUPPORT INITIATIVES FOR ARMY INSTALLATIONS



The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) ensures that decision makers for major federal actions consider the environmental risks and consequences of those actions. Army policies and procedures to implement NEPA can be found in Army Regulation 200-2, "Environmental Analysis of Army Actions – Final Rule."

The U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) has developed several innovative initiatives to promote efficiencies in the NEPA process for Army installations:

- **Installation Statement of Work Planning Package (ISOWPP):** USAEC leads an Army team to define the initial chapters of the NEPA document. The team develops the proposed action, purpose, need and alternatives sections of the NEPA document. The result is a solid draft of chapters 1 and 2 as well as information to address direct, indirect and cumulative effects, known regulatory consultations and timeline. The ISOWPP serves as internal scoping at the earliest stages of the NEPA document.
- **NEPA Facilitator Program:** USAEC Environmental Planning Support Branch personnel guide the approval process for Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) at critical milestones through Installation Management Command, Army Commands, and the Army Staff to alleviate critical delays.
- **Information Exchange:** USAEC established and manages the online NEPA documents repository, NEPA electronic mailing list, USAEC NEPA Web page and NEPA Reference CD.
- **Cumulative Effects Manual:** USAEC developed the Cumulative Effects Manual that establishes a quick-look methodology to address direct, indirect, and cumulative effects

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