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STATION ORDER 6280.4A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Ref: (a) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969
(42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), Sec 102
(b) Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 775.6
(c) Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1500,
Council on Environmental Quality
(d) MCO P5090.2A

Encl: (1) NEPA Flow Chart
(2) NEPA Checklist
(3) Proposed Action Analysis Form
(4) List of Categorical Exclusions
(5) Actions Requiring an Environmental Assessment
(6) Environmental Documentation Checklist
(7) Actions Requiring an Environmental Impact Statement
(8) Environmental Assessments Requiring HQMC (LFL) Review

1. Purpose. To establish guidelines, responsibilities and procedures for implementation of federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations specifically, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for all areas within the jurisdiction of the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Yuma, Arizona's scheduling authority.

2. Cancellation. StaO 5090.1, StaO 6280.4 and StaO 6280.7.

3. Background

a. Reference (a) established the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as the Federal agency responsible for overseeing the implementation of the NEPA requirements and is the basic Federal law established for protection of the environment and prevention of environmental damage. NEPA mandates a full and honest disclosure of all environmental impacts. Consequently, this policy ensures that MCAS Yuma and all Federal agencies consider the environmental issues during the planning and decision-making process of any StaO

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federal action.

b. References (b) and (c) are mandatory regulations implemented by CEQ which are applicable to all Federal agencies and require Federal agencies to adopt NEPA procedures.

c. Reference (d) establishes Marine Corps policy for compliance with environmental regulations. This applies to all Marine Corps actions affecting the environment in the United States, its territories and possessions.

4. Information

a. The Commanding Officer, MCAS Yuma, is ultimately responsible for environmental compliance with respect to any and all actions carried out aboard the Air Station and areas within the jurisdiction of MCAS Yuma's scheduling authority. The Commanding Officer has the authority to prohibit or suspend any operation or action which could potentially damage the environment and which has not been assessed under the NEPA process. Such actions include new and continuing activities, projects and programs entirely or partly financed, assisted, conducted, regulated, or approved by Federal agencies; new or revised agency rules, regulations, plans, policies, or procedures; and legislative proposals. The level of environmental documentation required for such actions will depend on the nature of the action and the potential environmental impact.

b. The following levels of environmental documentation are listed in the regulations: 1) Categorical Exclusion (CatEx), 2) Environmental Assessment (EA) and 3) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Per reference (d), a CatEx must be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB). An EA either recommends issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or developing an EIS. EA's must be approved and the FONSI signed by the Commanding Officer, MCAS Yuma. An EA which meets certain specific requirements must be forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) for signature on the FONSI. NEPA requires that federal agencies include a detailed EIS for proposed federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment. An EIS must be approved and signed by the Secretary of the Navy.

c. All environmental documentation must be completed, approved and signed before the proposed action can be implemented. Failure to complete the above environmental documentation and associated

submission/approval requirements will result in disapproval of the requested action.

5. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Action Sponsor. The Action Sponsor is an individual or organization, proposing an action and/or accountable for implementation of an action. The action sponsor is ultimately responsible for completion of the required environmental documentation to include:

(1) Draft and submit appropriate environmental documentation for each proposed action.

(2) Follow guidelines depicted in the flowchart in enclosure (1) as required by Chapter 5 of reference (d).

(3) Complete checklists to determine the potential for completing a NEPA document, enclosure (2). If a NEPA document is required, complete the proposed action analysis form, enclosure (3), and deliver it to the Environmental Department (Env Dept) at least 60 days prior to the implementation date of the proposed action. A detailed map of the location for the proposed action must accompany the request. If the proposed action corresponds with one of the criteria in enclosure (4) and when the required decision memorandum is signed by the Chairman of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB), the unit may begin the proposed action.

(4) Determine if the proposed action corresponds with one of the EA requirements in enclosure (5). To initiate an EA, the action sponsor must complete enclosure (3) and submit it to the Env Dept. The environmental evaluation process for an EA must be started by the action sponsor at least 180 days prior to the proposed action start date.

(5) Provide funding for the preparation of all EA's, EIS's and any resulting mitigation which must be accomplished as required by the documentation.

(6) Present completed and approved environmental documentation to the Env Dept and any other appropriate offices deemed appropriate by the Env Dept prior to implementing the action.

(7) No action may be implemented until all NEPA requirements are satisfied.

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b. Environmental Department

(1) Serve as point of contact for all questions concerning compliance with the references.

(2) Provide guidance to the action sponsor to ensure compliance with all Federal regulations.

(3) Provide assistance in preparing the required CatEx's and assist in reviewing all other required environmental documentation.

c. Range Management Department (RMD)

(1) Ensure that all commands requesting ranges for training exercises have completed the appropriate environmental documentation.

(2) Provide assistance in preparing required CatEx's for the ranges.

(3) Assure that the action sponsor's environmental documentation is signed, completed and filed at the Env Dept.

(4) Deny access to the ranges if appropriate documentation is not completed prior to commencement of range activities.

d. Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) and Environmental Compliance Review Board (ECRB)

(1) Ensure that MCAS Yuma's environmental status is in compliance with respect to federal, state and local regulations affecting the installation and surrounding community.

(2) Review and remain aware of new environmental laws, issues and possible implementation problems.

(3) Make recommendations that will improve the usefulness of all Station Orders in ensuring environmental compliance.

(4) Ensure that environmental compliance is an integral part of routine daily operations and that environmental considerations are incorporated in the overall planning process.

(5) Ensure that all NEPA documents comply with legal procedures/requirements and have undergone appropriate staff review as required by reference (d).

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(6) Review submitted environmental documentation and assess the potential environmental consequences of any proposed action and ensure compliance with the spirit and intent of the NEPA decision making process.

(7) Assure that reasonable alternatives to proposed actions are considered where the potential for environmental impact and/or public controversy exists.

(8) Review and assist action sponsors in determining whether a proposed action meets the criteria for a CatEx or requires the preparation of higher level documentation such as an EA or EIS.

(9) Provide guidance to departments, tenant activities, and deployed units aboard the Air Station to ensure that proposed actions are evaluated for environmental impact at the initial planning stage.

(10) Utilize enclosure (6) as a checklist for determining if all required information is included in the EA.

(11) Review enclosures (7) and (8) to determine the required signatory level on the FONSI.

(12) Make recommendations and prepare written response to the Commanding Officer, MCAS Yuma on matters requiring approval, and/or recommendations for further action.

6. Members of the EIRB and ECRB

- a. Chairman - MCAS Yuma Executive Officer
- b. Executive Officer - Marine Aircraft Group-13
- c. Executive Officer - Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1
- d. Executive Officer - 1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion
- e. Range Management Officer
- f. Staff Judge Advocate
- g. Community Plans and Liaison Officer
- h. Environmental Officer

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i. Facilities Management Officer

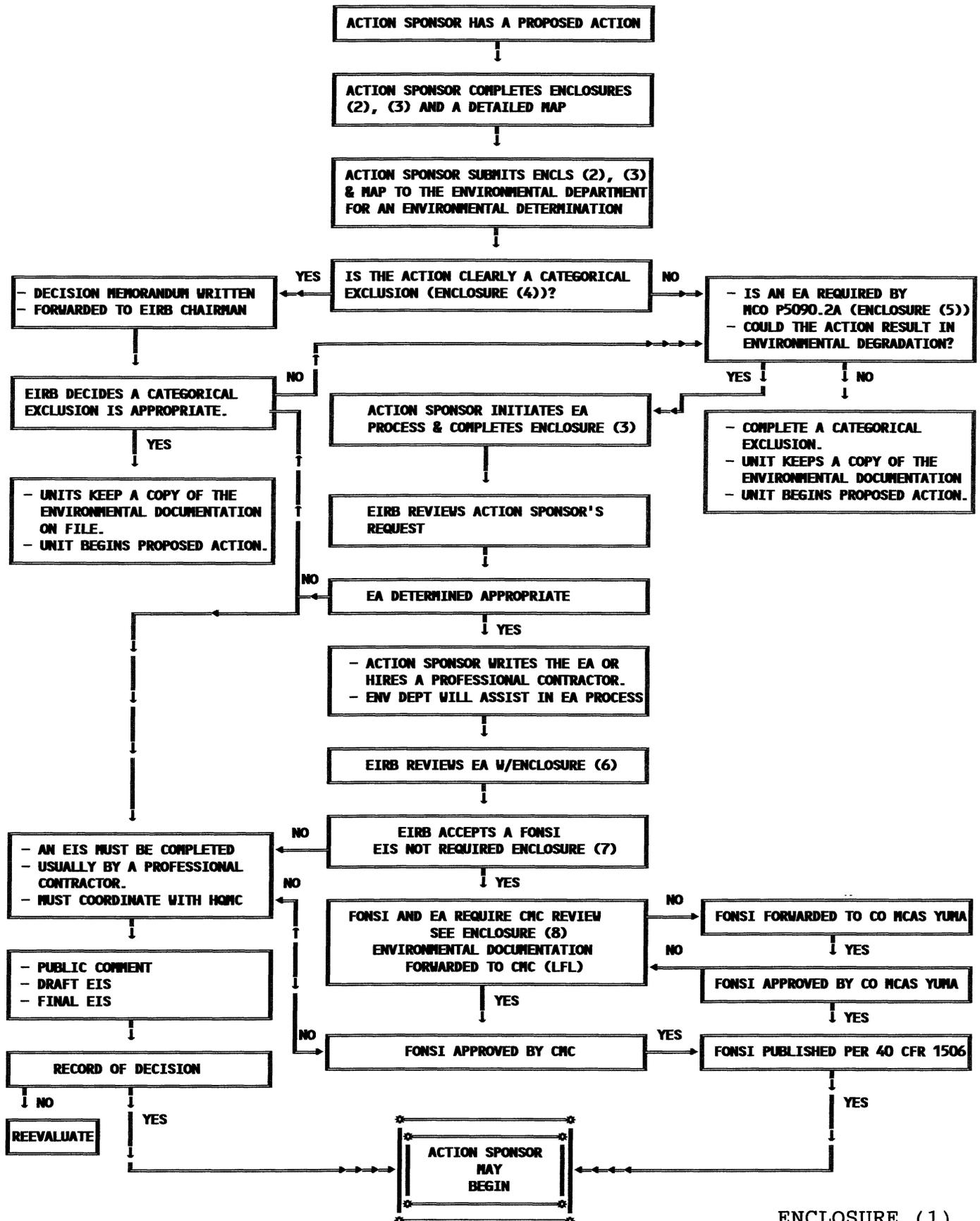
7. Applicability This Order is applicable to all commands, organizations, units and activities located on or utilizing areas within the jurisdiction of MCAS Yuma's scheduling authority. The Commanding Officer, MCAS Yuma, is ultimately responsible for implementation of this Order.



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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
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National Environmental Policy Act

A. CHECKLIST FOR POTENTIAL NEPA EXEMPTIONS: (Is the project, decision, or action eligible for an exemption from NEPA documentation requirements? Circle "Yes" or "No")

1. Does the proposed action qualify as an emergency action, for example, an act to forestall or meet a threat to the nation (40 CFR 1508.11)?-----**YES NO**

2. Does the proposed action originate with the Congress, the Judiciary or the President and will it be implemented without any discretionary action on the part of any federal agency (40 CFR 1508.12)?-----**YES NO**

3. Does the proposed action have a specific statutory exemption?-----**YES NO**

4. Are the NEPA requirements for this project, decision, or action in conflict with the requirements of any other statutes (40 CFR 1500.3) including any national security regulation covered in acts such as the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 or in executive orders?-----**YES NO**

Any "Yes" answer indicates that the project, decision, or action may be exempt from NEPA documentation requirements. Confirmation is required for a "Yes" answer. **Confirmation concerning emergency NEPA exemptions involves consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality.**

B. CHECKLIST FOR POTENTIAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: (Is the project, decision, or action exempt from the requirement to prepare a NEPA document. Circle "Yes" or "No")

1. Is the proposed action covered by an existing categorical exclusion?-----**YES NO**

2. Is the proposed action covered by any pre-existing form of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).-----**YES NO**

3. Have all the significant effects of this proposed action been described and considered in any such pre-existing EIS?-----**YES NO**

A "NO" answer to all questions indicates that NEPA documentation is required.

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C. CHECKLIST FOR IDENTIFYING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN ACTION: (Circle "Yes" or "No")

- 1. Would the action affect public health or safety?-----YES NO
- 2. Would the action affect or destroy any unique regional characteristics:
 - historic cultural or archaeological resources?-----YES NO
 - wetlands?-----YES NO
 - prime farmlands?-----YES NO
 - ecologically critical areas?-----YES NO
 - scientific resources?-----YES NO
- 3. Would the action induce effects on the human environment that are highly uncertain, unique or unknown risks, or that are scientifically controversial?-----YES NO
- 4. Are there:
 - uncertainties concerning possible effects?-----YES NO
 - possible risks that some highly significant effects may occur?-----YES NO
- 5. Does the action involve a site that includes hazardous waste?-----YES NO
- 6. Would the action:
 - establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects?--YES NO
 - represent a decision in principle about a future consideration?-----YES NO
- 7. Is the action related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts?-----YES NO
- 8. Would the action adversely affect:
 - public services?-----YES NO
 - land users?-----YES NO
 - highways or any road surfaces?-----YES NO
 - buildings or structures?-----YES NO
 - objects or locations listed/eligible for National Register of Historic Places?-----YES NO
 - minorities or low income communities?-----YES NO
- 9. Threaten the violation of federal, state, or local laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment?-----YES NO
- 10. Adversely affect endangered or threatened species (or their habitat) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973?-----YES NO

Any "Yes" answer to the questions indicates that the project, decision, or action requires an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

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PROPOSED ACTION ANALYSIS FORM

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1. ACTION SPONSOR:

- a. Name: _____
- b. Address: _____
- c. Phone: _____
- d. Point of Contact: _____

INCLUDE ATTACHMENTS IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY QUESTION.

2. NAME OF THE ACTION: (Title) _____

3. TYPE OF ACTION: (Is the action required by a specific regulation? Describe and/or enclose the appropriate regulation.) _____

4. CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED FOR ACTION: _____

5. CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION, ITS PURPOSE AND EXPECTED RESULTS: (State purpose, planned scheduling of proposed action, and any proposed environmental protection measures.) _____

6. LOCATION AND DESIGN INFORMATION: (Describe the area, attach location map/s and plan/s for the proposed action.) _____

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PROPOSED ACTION ANALYSIS FORM CONTINUED

7. **SIZE:** (Number of acres or square feet involved in the proposed action) _____

8. **TRAINING OBJECTIVE:** (IF THIS IS A CONSTRUCTION RELATED ACTIVITY PLEASE SKIP THIS SECTION AND GO TO QUESTION NUMBER "11". _____

9. **TRAINING DATE:** FROM: _____ TO: _____

10. **NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AND UNITS THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING EXERCISE:** _____

11. **ALTERNATIVE SITES:** (List and describe the alternative sites available for the proposed project or alternative procedures, practices or technologies available to minimize environmental impacts or utility usage. Describe the reasons why these alternatives should not be considered.)

Alternative 1: _____

Alternative 2: _____

Alternative 3: _____

PROPOSED ACTION ANALYSIS FORM CONTINUED

Alternative 4: _____

No Action Alternative: (Describe the likely results of canceling the proposed action and not meeting the need for the action.) _____

12. **POSTPONING THE ACTION:** (Describe the likely results of postponing the proposed action.) _____

13. **REASONS WHY THE ACTION DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** _____

14. **LIST ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE OBJECTIVES OF FEDERAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USE PLANS, POLICIES AND CONTROLS FOR THE AREA CONCERNED:** _____

15. **LIST ANY ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND CONSERVATION POTENTIALS OF THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AND ANY POSSIBLE MITIGATION MEASURES:** _____

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PROPOSED ACTION ANALYSIS FORM CONTINUED

16. LIST ANY IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENTS OF RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IF THE PROPOSED ACTION WERE IMPLEMENTED:

17. LIST ALL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THIS PROPOSED PROJECT ANALYSIS:

18. SPILL PREVENTION PLAN: (Describe use of refueling equipment and your spill prevention plan.)

19. LEVEL OF DOCUMENTATION: (List applicable category and reason from enclosures (4) & (5))

20. LIST ALL REFERENCES UTILIZED FOR THIS PROPOSED PROJECT ANALYSIS:

21. NAME AND RANK/GRADE OF PERSON REQUESTING FORM: (Please type/print)

Name:

Rank/Grade:

PHONE #:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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LIST OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

The following are actions that, under normal conditions, are categorically excluded from further documentation requirements under NEPA.

1. Routine personnel, fiscal and administrative activities involving military and civilian personnel (e.g., recruiting, processing, paying, and recordkeeping).
2. Reductions in force when impacts are limited to socioeconomic factors.
3. Routine movement of mobile assets such as ships and aircraft, home port reassignments (when no new support facilities are required) to perform as operational groups, and/or for repair and overhaul.
4. Relocation of personnel into existing federally-owned or commercially-leased space that does not involve a substantial change in the supporting infrastructure (an increase in vehicular traffic beyond the capacity of the supporting road network to accommodate such an increase).
5. Studies, data, and information gathering that involve no physical change to the environment (e.g., topographic surveys, bird counts, wetland mapping, forest inventories, and timber cruising).
6. Routine repair and maintenance of existing facilities and equipment, to maintain existing operation and activities, including maintenance of improved and semi-improved grounds such as landscaping, lawn care, and minor erosion control measures.
7. Alteration of and additions to existing structures to conform or provide conforming use, specifically required by new or existing applicable legislation or regulations (e.g., hush houses for aircraft engines and scrubbers for air emissions).
8. Routine actions normally conducted to operate, protect, and maintain Navy-owned and/or controlled properties (e.g., maintaining law and order, physical plant protection by military police and security personnel, and localized pest management activities on improved and semi-improved lands conducted per applicable Federal and State directives).
9. New construction that is consistent with existing land use, and when completed, the use or operation of which complies with existing regulatory requirements and constraints (e.g., a building on a parking lot with associated discharges/runoffs within existing handling capacities, a bus stop along a roadway, and a foundation pad for portable buildings within a building complex).

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LIST OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS CONTINUED

10. Procurement activities that provide goods and support for routine operations.
11. Day-to-day manpower resource management and research activities that are per approved plans and interagency agreements, and that are designed to improve and/or upgrade the Marine Corps ability to manage those resources.
12. Decisions to close facilities, decommission equipment, and/or temporarily discontinue use of facilities or equipment (where such equipment is not used to prevent/control environmental impacts). This paragraph does not apply to permanent closure of public roads.
13. Contracts for activities conducted within established laboratories and plants to include contractor operated laboratories and plants, within facilities where all airborne emissions, waterborne effluent, external radiation levels, outdoor noise, and solid and bulk waste disposal practices are in compliance with existing applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
14. Routine movement, handling, and distribution of materials, including hazardous materials/hazardous wastes that when moved, handled, or distributed are per applicable regulations.
15. Demolition, disposal, or improvements involving buildings or structures not on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and when per applicable regulations applying to the removal of asbestos, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and other hazardous materials.
16. Acquisition, installation, and operation of utility and communication systems, data processing cable, and similar electronic equipment that use existing rights of way, easements, distribution systems, and/or facilities.
17. Renewals and/or initial real estate in-grants and out-grants involving existing facilities and land wherein the use does not change significantly. This includes, but is not limited to, existing federally-owned or privately-owned housing, office, storage, warehouse, and laboratory and other special purpose space.

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LIST OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS CONTINUED

18. Grants of license, easement, or similar arrangements for the use of existing rights-of-way or incidental easements complementing the use of existing rights-of-way for use by vehicles (not to include significant increases in vehicle loading); for electrical, telephone, and other transmission and communication lines; for water, wastewater, stormwater, and irrigation pipelines, pumping stations and facilities; and for similar utility and transportation uses.
19. Transfer of real property from the Marine Corps to another military department or to another Federal agency, and the granting of leases (including leases granted pursuant to the agricultural outleasing program where soil conservation plans are incorporated), permits, and easements where there is no substantial change in land use or where subsequent land use would otherwise be categorically excluded.
20. Disposal of excess easement interests to the underlying fee owner.
21. Renewals and minor amendments of existing real estate grants for use of Government-owned real property where no significant change in land use is anticipated.
22. Pre-lease exploration activities for oil, gas, or geothermal reserves (e.g., geophysical surveys).
23. Return of public domain lands to the Department of the Interior.
24. Land withdrawal continuances or extensions that merely establish time periods and where there is no significant change in land use.
25. Temporary closure of public access to Marine Corps property to protect human or animal life.
26. Engineering effort undertaken to define the elements of a proposal or alternatives sufficiently so that the environmental effects may be assessed.
27. Actions that require the concurrence or approval of another Federal agency where the action is a categorical exclusion of the other Federal agency.
28. Maintenance dredging and debris disposal where no new depths are required, applicable permits are secured, and disposal will be at an approved disposal site.

LIST OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS CONTINUED

29. Installation of devices to protect human or animal life (e.g., raptor electrocution prevention devices, fencing to restrict wildlife movement onto airfields, and fencing and grating to prevent accidental entry to hazardous areas).

30. Natural resources management actions undertaken or permitted pursuant to agreement with or subject to regulation by Federal, State, or local organizations having management responsibility and authority over the natural resources in question, including hunting or fishing during hunting or fishing seasons established by State authorities pursuant to their State fish and game management laws. With regard to natural resources regulated by another Federal agency, the responsible command may cooperate in any environmental analysis that may be required by the other agency's regulations.

31. Approval of recreational activities that do not involve significant physical alteration of the environment or increase human disturbance in sensitive natural habitats and that do not occur in or adjacent to areas inhabited by endangered or threatened species.

32. Routine maintenance of timber stands, including issuance of down-wood firewood permits, hazardous tree removal, and sanitation salvage.

33. Reintroduction of endemic or native species (other than endangered or threatened species) into their historic habitat when no substantial site preparation is involved.

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ACTIONS REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) IS PREPARED FOR A PROPOSED ACTION THAT IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF MARINE CORPS CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS OR FOR ACTIONS THAT COULD RESULT IN DEGRADATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS FROM MCO P5090.2A THAT, UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, WOULD REQUIRE PREPARATION OF AN EA:

1. Training exercises on or over (airspace) nonmilitary property.
2. Training exercises for which the impacts are unknown, potentially significant, or have the potential for environmental degradation or controversy.
3. Dredging projects that increase water depth over previously dredged or natural depths.
4. Proposed land utilization that would impact the quality or quantity of tidelands or freshwater wetlands.
5. Real Estate acquisitions or outleases of land involving:
 - a. New in-grants/out-grants only (i.e., not renewals or continuances wherein land usage remains the same).
 - b. Fifty acres or more where existing land use will change and will not be categorically excluded.
 - c. Renewals of agricultural or grazing leases that involve notably different animal stocking rates, seasons of use, or conversions to or from cropland.
6. Acquisition of any size, or in-grants or out-grants that may be considered environmentally controversial, regardless of the appropriation or intended use.
7. Family housing projects when the resident population changes.
8. New target ranges or range mission changes with new or increased environmental impact.
9. Exercises conducted at the request of State or territorial governments wherein environmental impact might be expected.

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10. New low altitude aircraft training routes or special use airspace and warning areas wherein overflights impact persons, wildlife (particularly endangered species), or property.
11. Mission changes, base closures, relocations, consolidations, or deployments that would cause major long-term population increases or decreases in affected areas. EA's are not required where impacts are purely socioeconomic and involve no potential for significant environmental impacts.
12. Any proposed activity that may adversely affect a State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species, or a candidate species, or designated or recommended critical habitat of an endangered species. The EA does not replace the requirements for a biological assessment and consultation under the Endangered Species Act.
13. Any activity that would affect historical or cultural sites either listed on the National Register of Historical Places or deemed eligible for inclusion on the National Register.
14. Permanent closure or limitation of access to any areas that were previously open to public use (e.g., roads and recreational areas).
15. Construction or any other action resulting in discharge to or potential contamination of an aquifer, watershed, or recharge zone as described in the Safe Drinking Water Act.
16. Irreversible conversion of "prime or unique farmland" to other uses.
17. Transportation of hazardous substances, conventional munitions, or other wastes for intentional disposal into the ocean.
18. Award or termination of contracts involving substantial quantities of natural resources, wherein the military is the contracting agency.
19. Publication of new or revised regulations, directives, or policy guidance concerning activities that are not categorically excluded.
20. The adoption of formal plans (e.g., Master Plans, Land Use Plans, Training Area Management Plans) which prescribe or guide the use of Marine Corps land assets.
21. Any action for which the environmental effect is controversial.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

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NAME OF DOCUMENT: _____

REVIEWER: _____ **DATE:** _____

	REFERENCES CEQ 40 CFR & OTHERS	COVERED	NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED	NOT COVERED	NOT REQUIRED	REMARKS
COVER SHEET	1502.11 & MCO P5090.2					
Identifies the type of document						
Lists responsible agencies						
Defines title of proposed action clearly						
Lists person who can supply further information						
Includes a small abstract						
TABLE OF CONTENTS	1502.10					
TABLE OF FIGURES	1502.10					
TABLE OF APPENDICES	1502.18					
SUMMARY	1502.12 & MCO P5090.2					
Identifies type of analysis						
Summarizes adequately and accurately statement of assessment						
Contains a brief description of the action						
Summarizes the adverse environmental impacts						
Lists alternatives						
Contains a statement concerning the impacts						
Covers issues raised by other agencies and the public						
PURPOSE AND NEED	1502.13 & MCO P5090.2					
Specifies purpose and need for the proposed action						
PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES	1502.14					
Explores and objectively evaluates all reasonable alternatives	1502.14(a)					
Identifies alternatives eliminated from the study and discusses the reasons they were eliminated.	MCO P5090.2					
Considers each alternative in detail including the proposed action	1502.14(b)					
Includes the results of the no action alternative	1502.14(d)					

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	REFERENCES CEQ 40 CFR & OTHERS	COVERED	NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED	NOT COVERED	NOT REQUIRED	REMARKS
PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES CONTINUED						
Identifies the preferred alternative	1502.14(e)					
Includes results of postponing the action	MCO P5090.2					
AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT						
Describes the environment of area/s to be affected or created by the alternatives	1502.15 & MCO P5090.2					
Physical conditions						
Vegetation						
Wildlife						
Cultural resources						
Water resources						
Hazardous substances						
Air resources						
Noise						
Health and safety concerns						
Socioeconomic concerns (includes minorities and low income communities)	EXECUTIVE ORDER 12989					
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES						
Includes scientific and analytic basis for comparisons under alternatives including proposed action	1502.16					
Covers direct and indirect effects and their significance	1502.16 (a) & (b)					
Includes any cumulative impacts	1508.7					
Describes the environmental impact of the proposed action	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(i)					
Analyzes the environmental effects of all viable alternatives	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(iii)					
Identifies the possible conflicts between the proposed action and the objectives of federal, regional, state and local use plans, policies and controls for the area concerned	1502.16(c)					
Describes the urban quality, historic and cultural resources, and the design of the built environment including the reuse and conservation potential of various alternatives and mitigation measures	1502.16(g)					

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	<u>REFERENCES CEQ 40 CFR & OTHERS</u>	<u>COVERED</u>	<u>NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED</u>	<u>NOT COVERED</u>	<u>NOT REQUIRED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES CONTINUED						
Analyzes any cumulative impacts	1508.7					
Compares the alternatives to the proposed action as necessary	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(iii)					
Identifies energy requirements and conservation potentials of various alternatives	1502.16(e)					
Describes appropriate mitigation measures	1502.16(h)					
Identifies all irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources which would be involved in the proposed action should it be implemented	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(v)					
Describes any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(ii)					
Analysis of relationships between local short-term use of man's environment and maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity	NEPA 102 (2)(C)(iv)					
Identifies natural or depletable resource requirements and conservation potential of various alternatives	1502.16(f)					
LIST OF PREPARERS	1502.17					
LIST OF REFERENCES	1502.11					
APPENDIX						
Air Conformity Applicability Analysis	AP-42					
Species Lists	50 CFR					
FIGURES						
Maps and drawings						

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ACTIONS REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS PROVIDE FULL AND UNBIASED DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND INFORMS DECISION MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC OF THE REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD AVOID OR MINIMIZE ADVERSE IMPACTS OR ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS THAT WILL LIKELY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE QUALITY OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT OR HAVE POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

1. Training exercises on a broad geographic scale involving diverse natural areas where there could be a significant effect on the environment.
2. Actions which serve as a precedent and when combined with future actions may result in cumulative impacts that are significant or highly controversial.
3. Any action which has a high risk potential of possibly causing significant impacts to the environment (e.g., a fuel depot oil spill).
4. Actions impacting sites having existing or possible historic, architectural or archeological interest.
5. Actions having a significant impact on protected animal or plant species, particularly threatened or endangered species.
6. Any deep dredging projects
7. Any proposed major construction.
8. When the action requires filling in tidelands or wetlands.
9. Establishment of major new installations.
10. Base closures.
11. New sanitary landfills.
12. Disposal of biological or chemical munitions, pesticides, or herbicides other than in the manner in which they are authorized for use or disposal.
13. When an Environmental Assessment indicates that impacts are significant or environmentally controversial.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS REQUIRING CMC(LFL) REVIEW

THE COMMANDING GENERAL SHALL FORWARD THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION TO CMC(LFL) FOR REVIEW AND APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR PROPOSED ACTIONS FALLING WITHIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. Proposals to convert designated natural areas to developed areas.
2. Proposals where adverse effects will not be fully mitigated on air, water, wildlife, natural vegetation, wetlands, or cultural resources.
3. Proposals that will appropriate, consume, or depreciate the assets of other individuals or agencies.
4. Proposals of significant public or congressional interest.
5. Proposals having adverse impacts that are cumulative with the impacts of other existing or proposed military activities.
6. Effects of national concern.
7. Actions closely similar to conditions which normally require preparation of an EIS.
8. Any action without precedent.