



IMCOM HQ NEPA PROGRAM OVERVIEW NEPA Contractors Introduction

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Our Mission: Provide installations that enable Soldier and Family readiness, and provide a quality of life that matches the quality of service they provide to the nation.



USAEC FOCUS

Practices/Procedures and Tools

- Standardize Practices to Reduce Legal Vulnerability
- Streamline Procedures to Reduce NEPA Analysis and Staffing
- NEPA Tools, Techniques & Processes to Reduce Cost and Time
- Quality Control and Assurance



Contractor Expectations

- Effectively compile and manage the production of a legally sufficient draft and final NEPA analysis (EIS or EA)
- Effectively Respond to Installation and HQDA customers
- Follow NEPA processes using NEPA Tools, Techniques to realize Cost and Time savings
- Conduct Internal QA/QC
- Effective Public Involvement and Public / Agency Meeting Support



NEPA Tools Techniques & Processes

Increase Use of Record of Environmental Consideration (RECs):

Nation-wide EA

- Range Upgrade - Complete
- Armored Security Vehicle – Complete
- Battle Effects Simulator – On Hold
- Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) – Complete
- Un-manned Aerial Vehicles – In-progress

New NEPA Action

REC (Cat X & Army-wide EA)

ISOWPP Process

EA/EIS

NEPA Sec 1

NEPA Sec 2

NEPA Sec 3/4

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NEPA Tools & Processes

Institutionalize, Initial Scope at Work Planning Package (ISOWPP) & USAEC Tools/Processes:

- IMCOM Circular-Directs:
 - USAEC Support EIS Process
 - Facilitate Internal Scoping
 - Staffing Above Installation
 - Development of ISOWPP for all EIS

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USAEC NEPA Tools & Processes

ISOWPP Process

Focuses NEPA Analysis
Reduces overall effort, cost, time
Prepared by Government

- Purpose and Need section-Outline
- Proposed Action section-
 - Range of Alternatives
 - Screening Criteria
- List of Existing NEPA/Environmental Documents
- List of Valued Environmental Components (VECs) and Guidance on Level of Analysis
- List of Supporting Studies
- List of Recommended Consultations
- Potential Mitigation
- Public Participation Plan Requirements
- Timeline
- Point of Contact List
- Notice of Intent Package

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(ISOWPP)**

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VEC Analysis

Focuses NEPA Analysis

Product of Army Internal Scoping Meeting
Consensus of Scoping Team

Step 1 – Asses Risk to NEPA Process

Fragility of Ecosystem (of foot print)

Off-post Interest (regulatory & activist)

Chain of Command Interest

Step 2 – Establish Levels of Analysis

Very Low – Self Evident No Impact

Low – Short Paragraph Why No Impact

Medium – Not Sure Exceed Threshold of Significance

High – Exceed Threshold of Significance

Step 3 – Identify Level for Each VEC

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Take Way Message

- NEPA Performance Contract

Rapid Award of Delivery Orders

Contractor Provided ISOWPP – Expected to follow VEC Analysis!

Requires - 6 Months EA/12 Months EIS (NOI to Draft ROD).

Expect USAEC involvement

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Section 1- Purpose & Need

Standard Language

- Completed for most types of ranges
- In progress for cantonment facilities

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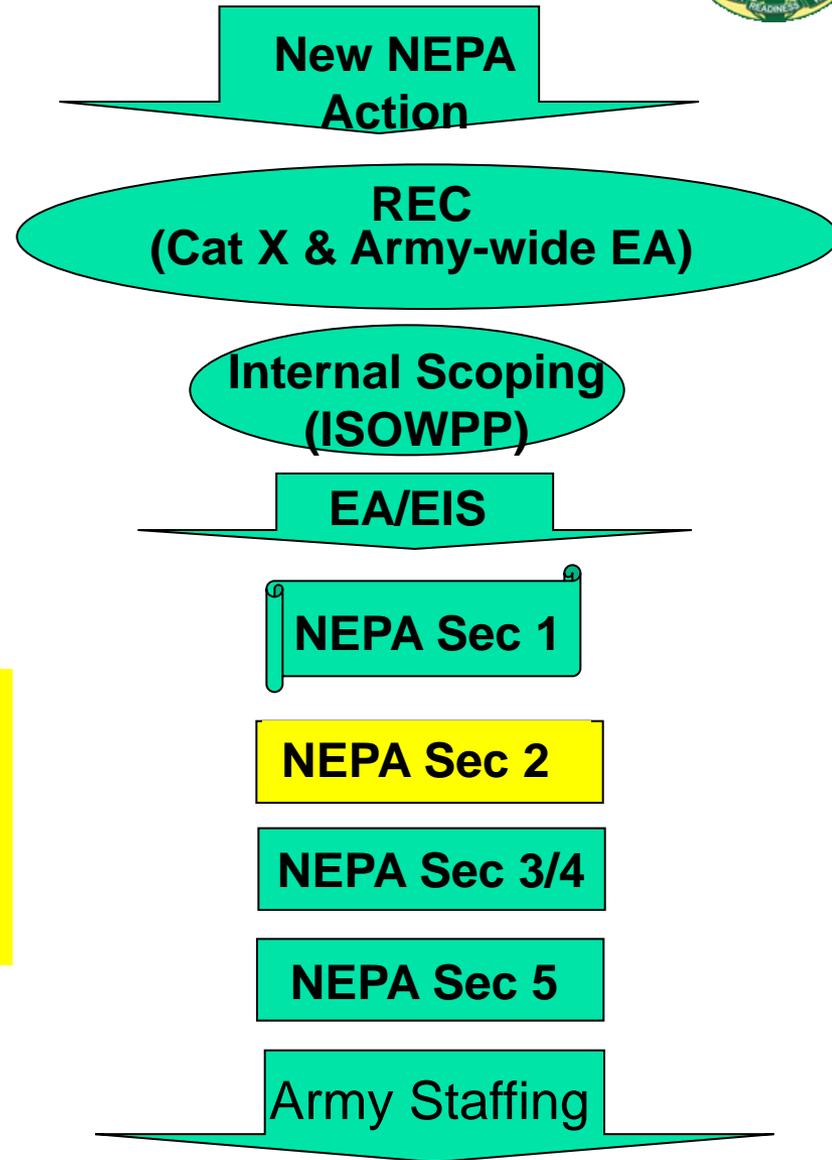
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Section 2- Proposed Action
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NEPA Tools & Processes

SEC 3: Affected Environment

Installation Provides CD:

- Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP)
- Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP)
- Previous NEPA Documents
- Other Documents as appropriate

USAEC:

- Army NEPA Repository— Library of Installation NEPA documents

SEC 4: Methodology (Use USAEC Tools

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USAEC NEPA Tools & Processes

Section 5 – Impacts

Use the USAEC NEPA Tools:

- Quick Look Guide
- NEPA Analysis Guidance Manual
- Threshold of Significance Study – In progress

Contractor Provides List of Possible Mitigations & Cost – Draft, Final, ROD (Excel Spreadsheet)

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Army Internal Review

(USAEC Manages Staffing Above Installation)

(Preliminary Draft, Draft, Preliminary Final, Final w/ ROD)

- Staffing Guide - 4 Week Army Process
 - Army Reviewers Given 2 Weeks for Comments
 - Contractor has 1 week to compile comments
 - 1 week reconciliation meeting
- Weekly Status Report on EIS
- * Weeks are approximate

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Other Tools

- NEPA Desk Top Reference CD – Library of NEPA References

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Summary of USAEC NEPA Tools & Processes

Facilitated Internal Scoping

Expedited Performance
Contracts

Standardized Description
of Proposed Action and
Alternative (DOPAA)
Language

Focused NEPA Analysis

Mitigation Minimization

Streamlined Army Staffing

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Take Away Message

- **Through Proper Oversight, Focus, and Execution, Streamlined NEPA is Incorporated into the Planning and Decision Making Process**
- **USAEC's Tools Techniques and Procedures Include:**
 - Providing Facilitation to HQDA and the Installation
 - Facilitates Army Internal Scoping
 - Manages Army Staffing above installation
 - Installation or AEC - Manage contract
 - Facilitation of the EIS review process and HQDA QA/QC
 - DASA(ESOH) - Release authority to Fed Reg/ Coordinates Congressional Notification



Take Away Message (Con't)

This is a NEPA Performance Contract is intended to provide:

- **Rapid Award of Delivery Orders – less than 30 days**
- **Contractor Provided ISOWPP – Expected to follow VEC Analysis!**
- **Contractors Expected to Use IMCOM NEPA Tools.**
- **Requires - 6 Months EA/12 Months EIS (NOI to Draft ROD).**
- **Expect AEC involvement**



INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND



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