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THE CHALLENGE OF

# NHPA

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

**GOT PROPERTIES?**

Your installation will be undertaking a lot of construction and renovation in the next few years to respond to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Transformation. How you choose to address your compliance requirements for historic properties (buildings or sites included in, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places) can determine if your projects get done within their timeframe and budget . . . or not.

**Rules**

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires the Army to consider the effects of projects on historic properties. Examples of projects include construction, renovation, training, ground disturbance, or any project that involves Federal funds.

If historic properties will be harmed, installations have to complete mitigation actions.

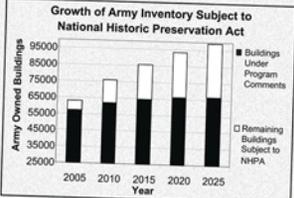
While outcomes are not dictated, the NHPA process must be followed for every project that occurs on the installation.

Object of Game: complete needed projects, in compliance with NHPA, in the least number of moves. Bonus points for cost efficiencies!

**Things to keep in mind:**

The Army has 130,000 historic properties (buildings and archeological sites).

This number will increase by 30,000-40,000 over next 20 years, which will also increase installation compliance responsibilities.



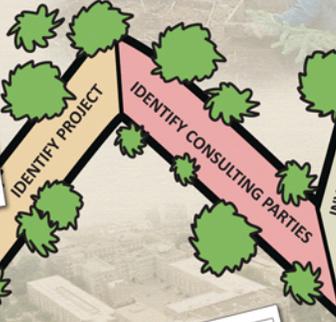
You have chosen: **STANDARD PROCESS**

Installations conduct project-by-project historic preservation compliance in accordance with Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 800. Each project can include lengthy consultation with stakeholders to evaluate properties and mitigate adverse effects.

**START**  
Choose a Path

You have chosen: **ARMY ALTERNATE PROCEDURES**

Installations construct Standard Operating Procedures in consultation with stakeholders (such as the State Historic Preservation Office and tribes) and then operate under the SOPs for five years, completing all NHPA compliance in-house, without project-specific consultation.



**EXEMPTED UNDERTAKING**

The Army Alternate Procedures includes several categories of actions which are exempted from NHPA compliance, including NHPA compliance, including surface undertakings in existing surface danger zones, and in-place disposal of unexploded ordnance. Installations can develop additional exclusions in consultation with stakeholders.

**ARMY ALTERNATE PROCEDURES**

If Project is an Exempted Undertaking - ADVANCE DIRECTLY TO FINISH.

**Inventory & Evaluate Properties In-House**

For more information, visit the USAEC Cultural Resources Web site at: [aec.army.mil/usaec/cultural/index.html](http://aec.army.mil/usaec/cultural/index.html) or call the Environmental Quality Division at 410-436-1200.



If Property is covered by Program Comment - ADVANCE TO FINISH!

**PROGRAM COMMENTS**

Program Comments fulfill NHPA compliance Army-wide for four types of properties: Capehart-Wherry housing, Cold War Unaccompanied Personnel Housing, WWII and Cold War ammo storage, and WWII and Cold War ammo production and Plants. Installations do not have to consult on or mitigate these properties and can proceed with projects.



**Mitigate Adverse Effects**

**Mitigation To Stretch Funding**

**IMPLEMENT OFF-SITE MITIGATION**

Innovative Mitigation

**PRODUCE ORAL HISTORY**

Innovative Mitigation

**DEVELOP PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Innovative Mitigation

Prepare Documentation/ Data Recovery Of Historic Property

**DOCUMENTATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

Standard Mitigation

**DATA RECOVERY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**

Standard Mitigation

**WRITE HISTORIC CONTEXT**

Standard Mitigation

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Standard mitigation practices include excavation, historic contexts, and American Engineering Record (HAER/HASR) documentation.