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PEP - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM NO. ERM94-2

To: Heads of Bureaus and Offices
From: Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
Subject: Procedures for Reviewing Project and Environmental Reports Prepared by or for Non-Federal Agencies

This memorandum supplements the Departmental Manual (516 DM 7.4).

Several States have passed legislation and/or adopted policy and procedures which parallel, in varying aspects, Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. At this time these include:

Arizona	Louisiana	Oregon
Arkansas	Maryland	Pennsylvania
California	Massachusetts	Puerto Rico
Connecticut	Michigan	Rhode Island
Delaware	Minnesota	South Dakota
Dist. of Columbia	Montana	Utah
Florida	New Jersey	Virginia
Georgia	New York	Washington
Hawaii	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Indiana	North Dakota	

Review Procedures

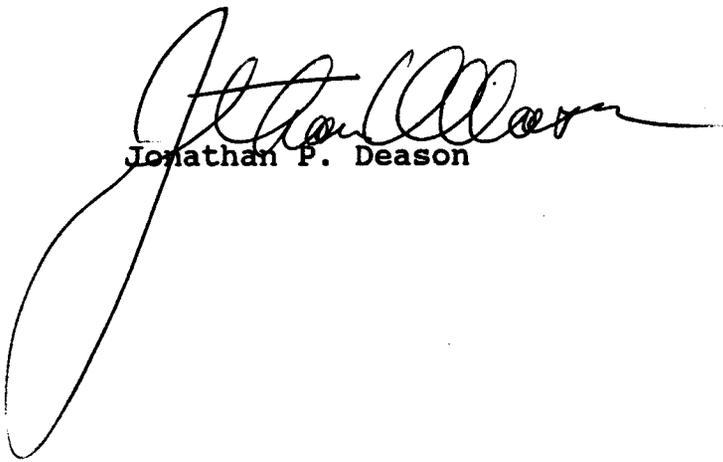
Project reports, environmental assessments, and environmental statements prepared by or for non-Federal agencies are developed under various State statutes, agency directives, or local regulations and such documents may or may not meet the requirements of NEPA or CEQ Regulations. In addition, these State, local, and agency directives apply to differing levels of government, a variety of actions, and sizes of projects, many of which have no Federal interest. Moreover, only a few of these non-Federal directives require the circulation of such documents to Federal agencies for review purposes.

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Non-Federal project reports or environmental statements are not required to be processed through the Assistant Secretary-Policy, Management and Budget. Review comments may be handled independently by bureaus and offices. Review comments should indicate that they represent the views of the commenting bureau and do not necessarily represent the views of the Department. Copies of bureau comments should be sent to OEA.

When a bureau in the conduct of its review detects an intra-Departmental coordination problem, a significant or highly controversial issue, or a Federal involvement in the project, it should consult with the Regional Environmental Officer to determine whether there should be a coordinated Departmental response. If it is determined that a coordinated response is appropriate, OEA will establish a control number and the review will be conducted in accordance with 516 DM 7.

This memorandum replaces ER74-2, which is now obsolete.



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