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3.1 Policy and Guidance. To conform with the intent and purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321), Executive Order No. 11514 (March 5, 1970), and guidelines established in 516 DM 2.1, an environmental statement shall be prepared by the Bureau or Office having authority to approve an application for a right-of-way, whenever it is determined that the granting of the right-of-way will have a significant impact on the quality of the environment. Guidelines established in 516 DM 2, AEnvironmental Quality - Statement of Environmental Impact,@ shall be used to determine when an environmental statement should be prepared.

3.2 Public Regulations. Appropriate references have been made in the public regulations of the Department regarding the need for the preparation of environmental statements, when appropriate, and for consideration of the environmental impact in reviewing applications for rights-of-way.

3.3 Procedures. Environmental statements so prepared will be routed in accordance with provisions prescribed in 516 DM 2.

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