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From: Commanding General  
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Subj: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW  
PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) 42 U.S.C. Chapter 55, National Environmental Policy Act  
(b) 40 C.F.R, Chapter V, Subchapter A, National Environmental Policy  
Act Implementing Regulations  
(c) 32 C.F.R Part 775, Policies and Responsibilities for  
Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act Within The  
Department of the Navy  
(d) MCO 5090.2, Vol 12  
(e) MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 3570.1B  
(f) MCB Camp Lejeune Contractor Environmental Guide

Encl: (1) Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune-Marine Corps Air Station New River  
Environmental Impact Review Procedures

1. Situation. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), reference (a), requires Federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions before making decisions. Marine Corps policy requires installation commanders to develop, publish, and implement environmental instructions and standard operating procedures that assure compliance with the procedures and objectives established by NEPA and its implementing regulations, references (b) and (c). For the purposes of this Order, "Installation" includes any Marine Corps base, camp, range, air station, outlying field, depot, center, or other activity under the command of the Commanding General (CG), Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ).

2. Cancellation. BO 5090.12 and MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5090.12.

3. Mission

a. To develop policy and procedures, and assign responsibilities to ensure consistent and coordinated preparation of NEPA documentation for proposed actions on MCIEAST installations and for off-base training requirements within MCIEAST's area of responsibility (AOR), to include the 12-nautical-mile United States territorial sea.

b. To publish MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ procedures and responsibilities that assure compliance with NEPA, Department of the Navy regulations and Marine Corps policy, references (a) through (d), on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCB CAMLEJ) and Marine Corps Air Station New River (MCAS NR), enclosure (1).

c. Summary of Revision. This Order and has been revised to update policies and procedures, and combine cancelled BO 5090.12 and MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJO 5090.12. It should be reviewed in its entirety.

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4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent. In accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and policy, ensure that NEPA analyses for the environmental effects of current and proposed Marine Corps actions within MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ's AOR are properly funded, prepared, staffed, and implemented.

b. Concept of Operations. It is imperative MCIEAST installation NEPA programs:

(1) Are procedurally precise, substantively accurate and complete, and sufficient to undertake analyses of the environmental effects of proposed actions to satisfy public scrutiny and withstand legal challenges.

(2) Are attentive to and avoid potential precedent-setting actions that could adversely affect or create unintended implications or expectations for other MCIEAST installations' programs or actions.

(3) Provide appropriate public notice and involvement in the NEPA process.

(4) Use recurring NEPA analyses approaches, where possible, to provide clearer and more transparent decision-making, and provide a better defined and more expeditious path towards decisions on proposed actions.

(5) Incorporate the following policies:

(a) Compliance. The responsibility for regional and installation NEPA compliance resides with the command. MCIEAST installation commanders must develop, publish, and implement NEPA instructions and standard operating procedures (SOPs) that ensure compliance with references (a) through (d). This includes mechanisms for accountability to comply with all required mitigation measures and conditions recorded in the NEPA decision document (e.g., Decision Memorandum (DM), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), or Record of Decision (ROD)) through all stages of the proposed actions.

(b) Funding. Per reference (d), the action sponsor shall fund the preparation of the appropriate level of NEPA documentation and all mitigation measures. Reference (d) also establishes that funding is not centrally managed; funds shall normally come from action sponsors or from installation operation and maintenance budgets (unless the proposed action is itself an environmental program initiative).

(c) Mitigation. The mitigation measures related to NEPA analyses become requirements to which the Marine Corps must adhere. Mitigation measures may be expensive and may impose long-term constraints on military training and other installation land use to supporting Marine Corps mission requirements. Therefore, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ current and future land use will be protected as follows:

1. MCIEAST installations and areas shall not be used to mitigate the environmental impacts of third-party actions.

2. Use of MCIEAST installations and areas for mitigation by other military services or any exception to this policy requires approval by the CG MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ.

3. Off-installation mitigation for actions and impacts occurring on MCIEAST installations requires specific authorization. Accordingly, any off-installation mitigation for Marine Corps actions within the MCIEAST AOR requires concurrence of the CG MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ.

(d) Review. All Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and applicable Environmental Assessments (EA) will be sent to Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command (COMMCICOM) (GF), per reference (d), via the chain of command. Early staff coordination is essential to the timely processing of NEPA documents to higher headquarters.

c. Tasks

(1) Action Sponsor. Each action sponsor, which may include a Marine Corps tenant command, shall comply with the requirements under paragraph 0408 of reference (d) and:

(a) Determine, review, and validate the need for the proposed action, and complete and forward a Request for Environmental Impact Review (REIR) to the appropriate installation environmental planning staff or directly to the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-F if the proposed action would affect more than one installation, occur outside the installation, or potentially be environmentally controversial.

(b) Prepare the REIR and submit it to the appropriate installation environmental planning staff using the Marine Corps' NEPA Process Automation and Management Support Module (PAMS). If an installation REIR is not appropriate, contact the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ AC/S G-F at 910-451-0151, for assistance.

(c) Coordinate with the appropriate staff section and environmental planning staff, during the initial planning stages, to assist in the development of the REIR.

(d) Fund preparation of environmental documentation, including EAs and EISs, associated regulatory consultation documents, related scientific studies, construction permits, and mitigation requirements.

(e) Participate during the review process and at MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) meetings as the proposed action is considered.

(f) Action sponsors on MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR should refer to the enclosure to this Order for more information.

(2) Chief of Staff (COS), MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The COS shall:

(a) Serve as the chair of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRB.

(b) Ensure NEPA documents before the EIRB have undergone appropriate staff review and fully comply with all legal and procedural requirements.

(c) Brief the CG MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ, and obtain the CG's endorsement before directing the forwarding of NEPA environmental planning documentation to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) (LF) and COMMCICOM (GF) for review and approval.

(3) Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), G-F. The AC/S, G-F shall:

(a) Serve along with Regional Environmental Program Manager (PM) as voting members of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional EIRB. Serve along with Environmental Management Division (EMD) Director as voting members of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Installation EIRB. The AC/S, G-F Regional Environmental PM, and G-F EMD Director will also support the COS in planning and executing MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRB meetings and in forwarding EIRB environmental planning documents to the CG for execution.

(b) Act as the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRB chair in the COS's absence.

(c) Serve as action sponsor for proposed actions that may affect more than one MCIEAST installation, may occur outside of an MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ installation or area, may be environmentally controversial, or may require NEPA environmental planning documentation to be forwarded to CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM (GF) per reference (d).

(d) Following command approval, forward NEPA environmental planning documentation to CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM (GF) per reference (d).

(e) Notify the CG MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ, MCIEAST installation Commanding Officers (CO), action proponents/sponsors, of any Headquarters EIRB and CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM (GF) disposition of an EA or an EIS.

(f) With the support of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ environmental staff, oversee and coordinate the execution of proposed actions within the MCIEAST AOR to ensure compliance with ongoing NEPA analyses mitigation measures.

(4) AC/S, G-3/5, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The AC/S G-3/5 shall:

(a) Serve as a voting member of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRBs.

(b) Prepare and submit an REIR for any proposed action initiated by the G-3/5.

(5) AC/S, G-7, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The AC/S G-7 shall:

(a) Serve as a voting member of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRBs.

(b) Prepare and submit an REIR for any proposed action initiated by the G-7.

(6) AC/S, G-8, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The AC/S G-8 shall serve as a voting member of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRBs.

(7) Director, Communication Strategy and Operations (COMMSTRAT), MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ. The Director, COMMSTRAT, shall serve as a voting member of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional and Installation EIRBs.

(8) MCIEAST Installation COs. Installation COs shall comply with the requirements under paragraph 0405 of reference (d) and:

(a) Oversee NEPA programs in compliance with the references and this Order.

(b) Forward to the AC/S G-F the REIRs proposed actions that may affect more than one MCIEAST installation, may occur outside of an MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ installation or area, may be environmentally controversial, or may require NEPA environmental planning documentation to be forwarded to CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM (GF) per reference (d).

(c) Support the AC/S G-F in advocating proposed actions for which the AC/S G-F would be serving as the action sponsor for the installation command before the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Regional EIRB.

(d) Forward to G-F, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ, copies of signed Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and installation EIRB meeting minutes.

(e) Monitor the implementation of proposed actions on the installation.

(f) Support the AC/S G-F with any state or Federal consultations, permits, and/or approvals.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) The MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ EIRB shall comply with the requirements under paragraphs 0404 and 0406 of reference (d) and:

(a) Meet as required to consider proposed actions.

(b) Review proposed actions and confirm the action's purpose and need.

(c) Ensure all proposed actions have been appropriately staffed, are consistent with MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ policies and priorities, and are sufficient to forward to CMC (LF)/COMMCICOM (GF) as required.

(2) The Counsel, Eastern Area, may serve as a non-voting member of the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ EIRB.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration

(1) All personnel involved in the NEPA environmental planning process shall not implement irreversible or irretrievable commitments of resources that change the physical environment (e.g., filling wetlands) before the NEPA

environmental planning process is complete and before the successful implementation of required mitigation measures and conditions established in the applicable NEPA decision document (e.g., DM, FONSI, or ROD).

(2) All personnel involved in the NEPA process shall ensure applicable mitigation measures and conditions in the NEPA decision document are included in basis of design and applicable construction plans and adhered to during project implementation.

(3) Issuance of a DM, FONSI, or ROD only satisfies requirements of the NEPA process. None of these documents are the authority to commence work. These documents neither satisfy other permit obligations that may be required nor allow foregoing compliance with other permits or regulations. Other permit requirements may include, but are not limited to, sedimentation and erosion control plans, storm water permits, permits for work in wetlands and waters of the United States, air quality permits, and asbestos permits.

(4) For those proposed actions requiring either an EA or an EIS, references (a) through (d) require the decision-making process to include appropriate public involvement, which varies based on the level of NEPA analysis required for the actions. The EIS process includes public "scoping," and the opportunity for public comment at several stages of the environmental planning process.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all MCIEAST active and reserve commands, detachments, and units; and all Marine Corps activities and tenants on MCIEAST installations.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

  
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Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune-Marine Corps Air Station New River  
Environmental Impact Review Procedures

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2. Mission. To publish Marine Corps Installations East - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune procedures for assuring compliance with NEPA, Department of the Navy (DON) regulations and Marine Corps policy (references (a) through (d)) on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCB CAMLEJ) and Marine Corps Air Station New River (MCAS NR).

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent. In accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and policy, these procedures shall ensure that NEPA analyses for the environmental effects of current and proposed Marine Corps actions within MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR are properly funded, prepared, staffed, and implemented.

b. Concept of Operations

(1) These procedures provide staff sections and tenant commands on MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR information regarding their roles and responsibilities in the NEPA environmental planning process. An action sponsor may initiate an environmental review of a proposed action by submitting a completed environmental review request. There are two types of environmental review requests, the Field Exercise Request for Environmental Impact Review (FEREIR) and the Request for Environmental Impact Review (REIR). The FEREIR shall be used for military units performing military training on operational ranges that requires coordination with the Environmental Management Division (EMD) in accordance with reference (f). The REIR shall be used for any other proposed Federal actions that may affect the human environment.

(2) With an FEREIR or an REIR, the action sponsor must give the EMD Environmental Planning Section (EPS) a detailed project description of the proposed action for a completeness review before subject matter experts (SMEs) analyze the proposed action for environmental impacts. The review and analysis processes may result in project rejection, modifications, and/or approval with conditions applicable to design, construction, and implementation to maintain compliance with environmental requirements. Terminology below is defined in Chapter 3 of these procedures.

(3) Step-by-step methodology for review of proposed military training on operational ranges:

(a) The FEREIR form may be downloaded from the Environmental Management web page located at <https://www.lejeune.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/Environmental-Mgmt/>. The military unit action sponsor should follow the instructions on the FEREIR form and submit the completed form to [Lejeune\\_REIR@usmc.mil](mailto:Lejeune_REIR@usmc.mil).

(b) FEREIRs should be submitted as far in advance as possible, but no less than two weeks before the scheduled military training.

(c) EMD will review the completed FEREIR and either approve or return it to the unit for modifications or additional information. If additional NEPA documentation is required for the proposed training, EMD shall support the preparation of the additional NEPA analysis and documentation as required. Most training on operational ranges has been addressed in previous environmental planning documentation and may proceed without further environmental impacts analysis.

(d) EMD shall coordinate with action sponsors to ensure all environmental regulations applicable to field exercises are communicated to the unit and monitored.

(4) Step-by-step methodology for the review of proposed Federal actions that may affect the human environment:

(a) The action sponsor will determine if the proposed action is a routine and recurring action that qualifies for a Recurring Action Decision Memorandum (DM). Certain routine actions may be categorically excluded from further review due to the benign and familiar nature of the impacts and may include actions such as routine maintenance of roads, grounds, or facilities. Proposed actions determined to meet DM conditions will be recorded as such in the NEPA Process Automation and Management Support Module (NEPA-PAMS) website <https://nepapams.usmc.mil> as a categorically excluded action. Contact EPS at [Lejeune\\_REIR@usmc.mil](mailto:Lejeune_REIR@usmc.mil) or 910-451-4542 for assistance in making this determination or accessing NEPA-PAMS.

(b) Federal actions on MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR that have the potential to affect the human environment and cannot meet Recurring Action DM criteria must be evaluated for potential for environmental impacts. The evaluation will include a determination of the appropriate level of NEPA documentation. Action sponsors will coordinate the submittal of a complete REIR through the appropriate staff sections for project validation, site selection, and funds approval. Completed REIR packages will be officially submitted via NEPA-PAMS.

1. The EPS will review REIRs for completeness. The action sponsor may be required to provide additional information before environmental SMEs complete their reviews. The REIR package is considered complete and ready for the environmental impact review process when the project description is clear, alternatives have been identified, and there is sufficient detail to enable the Subject Matter Experts (SME) to evaluate impacts on the human environment.

2. The EPS will assist action sponsors in reviewing proposed actions and provide recommendations regarding environmental impacts. Review will be conducted using the NEPA-PAMS module. Upon completion of SME environmental review, EPS may either prepare a DM for a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) for the proposed action, request the action sponsor to provide additional information and/or modifications to qualify for a CATEX, or determine that the proposed action does not qualify for a CATEX.



3. Proposed actions that do not qualify for a CATEX may require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA), resulting in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) decision document, or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), resulting in a Record of Decision (ROD), depending on the significance of the potential environmental impacts. The EMD shall determine the requirements and support the preparation of any required EA and EIS and associated FONSI or ROD, respectively, for staffing and execution.

4. All DMs will include the REIR package, applicable mitigation measures and conditions identified by environmental SME comments, and a list of any anticipated Federal or state permits and/or consultations that may be required before proposed action execution.

5. For proposed actions that qualify for a CATEX, signatures from EMD and the action sponsor are required to document acknowledgment of the DM and to complete the NEPA planning process. By acknowledging the DM, the action sponsor agrees to follow all applicable mitigation measures and conditions identified in the DM.

6. Implementation of any proposed action cannot occur until NEPA documentation is complete. No irretrievable, irreversible commitment of resources may occur until the decision document has been approved. EPS shall maintain administrative records of NEPA documentation using NEPA-PAMS.

c. Tasks. Each action sponsor, which may include a Marine Corps tenant command, shall comply with the requirements under paragraph 0408 of reference (d) and this Order and:

(1) Designate representatives with the responsibility and qualifications to prepare the FERREIR or REIR and submit it for review.

(2) Contact the AC/S G-F EMD EPS (910-451-4542) at the earliest possible opportunity to determine the level of environmental planning documentation that may be required for the proposed action.

(3) Acknowledge the DM when a proposed action qualifies for a CATEX. By signing the DM, the action sponsor agrees to incorporate all mitigation measures and conditions outlined in the DM into proposed action's planning, design, and execution.

(4) In contracting actions, ensure the complete NEPA process documentation precedes contract award and are within the contract file. This documentation shall include the CATEX DM, an EA and FONSI, or an EIS and ROD.

(a) Ensure contractor performance requirements include compliance with the references and the NEPA documentation applicable to the proposed action.

(b) Ensure that all contractor personnel receive General Environmental Awareness and all applicable Environmental Standard Operating Procedures training before beginning work on MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR.

(c) Ensure the contractor complies with the MCB CAMLEJ Contractor Environmental Guide reference (f) included in Division 01 of the contract specification.

(d) Ensure the contractor's Environmental Protection Plan includes the NEPA decision document's mitigation measures and conditions for the proposed project.

(5) Ensure proposed project adheres to and aligns with Base Master Planning efforts and coordinates work with G-F/PWD/AMB.

(6) Record the proposed actions that use a Recurring Action DM and enter the information into NEPA-PAMS or provide the information in an annual report to EPS.

d. Definitions

(1) Action. Broadly interpreted as any proposal initiated on MCB CAMLEJ and MCAS NR including:

(a) New activities or projects entirely or partially funded, assisted, conducted, regulated, or approved by the Marine Corps.

(b) Substantive changes in continuing actions, such as major changes in operation tempo, areas of use, or in methodology/equipment, where these changes have the potential for significant impact.

(c) Specific projects, such as construction or management activities located in a defined geographic area (e.g., military construction projects, public/private venture projects, special projects, land acquisition, natural resources management projects, and locally funded projects).

(d) Major Federal actions as defined by NEPA and regulations implementing NEPA.

(2) Action Sponsor. The lead department or activity's point of contact for a proposed action.

(3) Categorical Exclusion (CATEX). Categories of actions determined by the Department of the Navy (DON) that do not have a significant effect, individually or cumulatively, on the human environment under normal circumstances and for which neither an EA nor an EIS is required. DON CATEXs are listed in Volume 12 of reference (d).

(4) Decision Memorandum (DM). The official memorandum documenting the review of a proposed action which qualifies for a CATEX. The DM will contain applicable conditions derived from environmental staff comments regarding the proposed action and potential alternatives, and will note any Federal or State permits, and/or consultations required before implementing the proposed action.

(5) Environmental Assessment (EA). An EA is a concise document that:

(a) Briefly provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare and EIS or FONSI.

(b) Aids Marine Corps compliance with Volume 12 of reference (d) when no EIS is necessary.

(c) Facilitates preparation of an EIS when one is necessary (i.e., when the contemplated actions are considered to have a potential for significant environmental impact or environmental controversy and, therefore, a FONSI is not appropriate).

(d) Includes brief discussions of the need for the proposal, reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, environmental impacts of the proposed action in addition to a list of agencies and persons consulted.

(6) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A NEPA document that provides full and fair discussion of potentially significant environmental impacts of major Federal actions and informs decision makers and the public of the reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment. It is used by Federal officials, in conjunction with other relevant materials, to plan actions and make decisions.

(7) Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB). The EIRB is an executive body formed to make recommendations to the CG regarding environmental documentation. Members of the EIRB are listed below (voting status indicated):

- (a) COS, MCB CAMLEJ-MCB CAMLEJ (Chair, voting)
- (b) AC/S, G-3/5 (voting)
- (c) AC/S, G-F (voting)
- (d) AC/S, G-8 (voting)
- (e) Director COMMSTRAT (voting)
- (f) AC/S, G-7 (voting)
- (g) Director, EMD (Facilitator, voting)
- (h) Counsel, Eastern Area (legal advisor, non-voting)

(8) Field Exercise Request for Environmental Review (FEREIR). An environmental planning document supporting field exercises. A field exercise is a military training event occurring on an operational range or maneuver space, or on non-DoD property. Submittal of the FEREIR form from an operational unit to EMD initiates the environmental review of a field exercise. Bulk fuel requests for purposes other than field exercises do not require an FEREIR.

(9) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). A document in which the Marine Corps briefly presents reasons why an action, not otherwise categorically excluded, will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an EIS will not be prepared. A FONSI may be one result of the review of an EA. Any mitigation measures required to reduce the impacts of the proposed action to less than significant shall be recorded in the FONSI (e.g., mitigated FONSI).

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(10) Human Environment. The natural and physical environment and the human relationship with that environment. Includes but is not limited to natural resources, ecosystem functions, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, socioeconomics, and public safety.

(11) Mitigation. Activities that would lessen or modify the adverse impacts associated with a proposed action. The Marine Corps further defines mitigation as those actions required under the terms of a permit or other requirement identified in the FONSI or ROD, not to include best management practices or standard conservation measures specified in plans such as the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan or a sediment and erosion control plan. Mitigation includes:

(a) Avoiding the impact altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action; this mitigation measure is preferred.

(b) Minimizing impacts by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation.

(c) Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment.

(d) Reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of the action.

(e) Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments. Tracking for implementation of mitigation measures is accomplished through an annual data call and through the Environmental Compliance Evaluation audit process.

(12) National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). A procedural law that establishes national policy and goals for protection of the environment and requires Federal decision makers to consider the environmental consequences of a proposed action before making the decision to take the action. NEPA implementing regulations and policy apply to proposed Federal actions in the United States, its possessions, and territories that have potential to impact the human environment. Actions subject to NEPA analysis include new military training activities, construction, demolition, facilities maintenance and repairs, land clearing, and real estate transactions.

(13) Permits. Written warrants or licenses issued by government regulatory agencies having the authority to do so. Permits are typically required by the state or by Federal government agencies before undertaking actions that may impact natural resources, cultural resources, or environmental quality.

(14) Record of Decision (ROD). A concise public document providing a rationale for the alternative selected for implementation as presented in a final EIS. The document, as proposed by the action sponsor, and approved by the appropriate Installation/Command and Regional EIRBs, will be finalized by Commandant of the Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics Facilities and Services Division/MCICOM, Facilities Division on behalf of the Headquarters EIRB and will state the decision, identify the alternatives considered (including those that were environmentally preferable), and discuss all factors, including non-environmental considerations, that influenced the

decision. The ROD will commit the action sponsor to the appropriate mitigation, if applicable, to minimize environmental impact and identify those measures that were considered but not selected for implementation. Additionally, any monitoring program associated with selected mitigation measures will be addressed. A ROD is normally signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment.

(15) Recurring Action DM. Activities with little risk of significant environmental effects that generate no practical need or benefit for preparing additional REIRs and DMs. Recurring Action DMs are revalidated and reissued every five years or as needed to record the installations decision to grant action sponsors authority to complete routine recurring actions without submitting a REIR, as long as all stipulations in the Recurring Action DM are satisfied. Current Recurring Action DMs will be posted on the NEPA-PAMS website in the references section and distributed to the applicable leadership. Requests for Recurring Action DMs for additional action types can be submitted at any time via NEPA-PAMS.

(16) Request for Environmental Impact Review (REIR). A standard form prescribed by the CG to document the need for environmental analysis and compliance with reference (d).

(17) Significant. The word, "significant," as used in NEPA environmental planning, requires consideration of both context and intensity.

(a) Context. The significance of an action must be analyzed in several contexts such as society as a whole (human, national), the affected region, the affected interests and the locality. Significance varies with the setting of the proposed action. For instance, in the case of a site-specific action, significance would depend upon the locale effects rather than the world as a whole. Both short and long-term effects are relevant.

(b) Intensity. The severity of impact. Responsible officials must keep in mind that more than one agency can make decisions about partial aspects of a major action. The following should be considered in evaluating intensity:

1. Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse. A significant effect may exist even if the Federal agency believes that on balance the effect will be beneficial.

2. The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.

3. Unique characteristics of the geographic area, such as proximity to cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.

4. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.

5. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.

6. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.

7. Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant impacts. Significance exists if it is reasonable to anticipate a cumulatively significant impact on the environment. Significance cannot be avoided by terming an action temporary or by breaking it down into small component parts.

8. The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, landscapes, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.

9. The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical.

10. Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, state, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.

#### 4. Administration

a. The FEREIR form is available electronically at <https://www.lejeune.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/Environmental-Mgmt/> or by contacting [Lejeune REIR@usmc.mil](mailto:Lejeune_REIR@usmc.mil).

b. Submit all REIRs via NEPA-PAMS at <https://nepapams.usmc.mil/>.

c. Contact [Lejeune REIR@usmc.mil](mailto:Lejeune_REIR@usmc.mil) to be registered on NEPA PAMS.