

Proposed and Recently Implemented Agency NEPA Procedures

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- **US Agency for International Development (USAID):**

The USAID issued proposed NEPA Implementing Procedures for all USAID activities, both program and operating expense funded, that occur within the United States, its territories and possessions. The proposal adds part 237 to 22 Code of Federal Regulations and leaves unchanged the NEPA implementing procedures for foreign assistance actions covered in 22 CFR Part 216. The proposed NEPA procedures were published in the Federal Register on October 20, 2014, for public review and comment through December 19, 2014 ([79 Federal Register 62576](#)).

- **Farm Services Agency, Department of Agriculture(USDA):**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) issued a proposal to consolidate, update, and amend its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) on September 3, 2014, for public review and comment through December 2, 2014 ([79 Federal Register 52239](#)). The revisions, including new categorical exclusions, were designed to better align with changes to the structure of FSA, the scope of FSA's programs, and lessons learned from FSA's NEPA implementation.

- **National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Department of Commerce (DOC):**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a revised policy memorandum as the NMFS proposed NEPA implementing procedures for NMFS' Magnuson-Stevens Act fishery management actions on June 30, 2014, for public review and comment through September 29, 2014 ([79 Federal Register 36726](#)).

- **Rural Development (RD), Department of Agriculture (USDA):**

RD, a mission area within the USDA comprised of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA), proposed to unify and update the environmental policies and procedures covering RD programs. RHS and RBS promulgated their NEPA implementing procedures on January 30, 1984 (7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, 49 FR 3724) and those procedures were amended on September 19, 1988 (53 FR 36266). RUS programs NEPA implementing procedures were published as a final rule on March 13, 1984, (7 CFR part 1794, 49 FR 9544), and were revised and published as a final rule in 1998 (63 FR 68648) to accommodate the 1994 USDA reorganization, and have been amended through 2003 (68 FR 45157). Under the proposed rule, 7 CFR part 1970 will

replace 7 CFR part 1794 for RUS and 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, for RBS and RHS. While 7 CFR part 1940, subpart G, will no longer apply to RHS and RBS, it will continue to apply to FSA. The proposed NEPA implementing procedures were published on February 4, 2014 ([79 Federal Register 6740](#)) for public review and comment through April 7, 2014. The public review and comment period was subsequently extended through May 7, 2014, on April 2, 2014 ([79 Federal Register 18482](#)).

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