

E-mail received Dec 6, 2006

Horst,

An oversight by me in not getting these submitted to you by Dec. 1. My apologies.  
Comments #2 to follow from Southwest Region Fisheries NEPA Coordinator.

Regards,  
Steve

----- Original Message -----

Steve,

I didn't have much to say on this document except three things. I also wondered if a simple example should be included from an agency that has added to their CE list. The Army added quite a few to its rewrite of their NEPA procedures in March 2002.

1. Overall we need to give categorical exclusions, as one of the three ways to comply with NEPA, its own abbreviation, namely CE. I made over 100 replacements in this document. An environmental impact statement is an EIS, and environmental assessment is an EA and a categorical exclusion should be a CE.
2. Page 3, 5th line from the top of the page, changed the parenthetical to read (often presented as screening criteria).
3. Page 4, first full paragraph, the third sentence begins "An EIS can be used when the action is minor,...". This is confusing because an EIS is used when we have "major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment,".

Dave