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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS



The U.S. Army Environmental Command (USAEC) has prepared the *Guide to Environmental Impact Analysis*. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses and documents [Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)] are commonly cumbersome, lengthy and costly. Often there is little consistency in the level of analysis across resource areas. Adequate documentation of the process used to analyze resulting impacts, draw conclusions, identify alternatives, and apply mitigative measures, frequently is lacking. This guide will assist in resolving some of these problems.

### PURPOSE AND CONTENT

The purpose of this document is to provide recommendations for producing succinct, tightly focused, issue-driven NEPA analyses that can be used to support better decisions. It contains suggestions for efficiently and effectively preparing the affected environment description and environmental consequences portions of an Army EA or EIS. The guide can be applied to all Army NEPA analyses associated with on- and off-post training activities, materiel acquisition programs, facility construction and renovation projects, and other actions supporting installation operations. The guide is divided into four key chapters:

- Introduction
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Environmental Impact Analysis
- Sources for Assistance, Guidance, and Information

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The third chapter explains in detail a five-step process for producing a focused, consistent analysis. By following the approach and procedures presented in this guide, NEPA preparers and analysts can reduce or eliminate problems associated with NEPA analyses.

