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Subject: Timing of National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Analysis in the Assessment/Evaluation/MUD Process

The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum is to establish at what point in the assessment/evaluation process NEPA analysis should take place.

As outlined in the 4180 Handbook (IV-2), NEPA analysis (DNA, EA or EIS), takes place following completion of the Evaluation/Determination documents and before issuance of the Decision documents.

In Nevada when using the Evaluation/Multiple Use Decision process, NEPA analysis will be carried out following completion of the Management Action Selection Report (MASR) but prior to the issuance of the Proposed Multiple Use Decision (PMUD). The MASR will serve as the Determination document for achievement of Standards and conformance with Guidelines (H-4180-1 III-15).

In those cases where only the Standards and Guidelines are being assessed, completion of NEPA analysis will be completed following completion of the Determination document.



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