

**Use of Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance  
and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy (DNA)**

The use of DNAs is an effective tool in NEPA compliance in oil, gas, and geothermal development. The ability to use the DNA process is dependent on the type and adequacy of existing NEPA documents, because it is a process that documents the existence of *adequate* NEPA analysis.

When the new categorical exclusions (CX) do not apply, Field Offices are to next consider the DNA process, as described in WO IM 2001-062 – Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy, in permitting oil, gas, and geothermal operations for qualifying actions.