

FSH 1909.15--ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK

CHAPTER 30--CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM DOCUMENTATION

Add new paragraphs 16 and 17 as follows:

31.2 - Categories of Action for Which a Project or Case File and Decision Memo Are Required.

Routine, proposed actions within any of the following categories may be excluded from documentation in an EIS or an EA; however, a project or case file is required and the decision to proceed must be documented in a decision memo (sec. 32). As a minimum, the project or case file should include any records prepared, such as: the names of interested and affected people, groups, and agencies contacted; the determination that no extraordinary circumstances exist; a copy of the decision memo (sec 05); and a list of the people notified of the decision. Maintain a project or case file and prepare a decision memo for any of the categories of actions set forth in section 21.21 through 31.23.

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16. [Reserved]

17. Approval of a Surface Use Plan of Operations for oil and natural gas exploration or development activities within a new oil and / or gas field, so long as the approval will not authorize activities in excess of any of the following:

- a. One mile of new road construction.
- b. One mile of road reconstruction.
- c. Three miles of pipeline installation.
- d. Four drill sites.