

ADOPTION PROCESS

(40CFR 1506.3)

FWS plans to ADOPT
a Federal agency EIS/EA

FWS must conduct an independent evaluation
of a Federal agency EIS/EA to determine if it meets
DOI/FWS NEPA procedures/guidelines 1/

EIS/EA
Not Adequate

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Adequate

FWS a
Coop Agency

FWS not a
Coop Agency

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Prepare Supplement to
EIS/EA and circulate
with adopted EIS/EA as
Draft Suppl. EIS/EA

Prepare and circulate
new Draft EIS/EA

Prepare and circulate
Final Suppl. EIS/EA

Prepare and
circulate Final
EIS/EA

Recirculate Final
EIS/EA

Prepare/issue
ROD/FONSI

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1/ The independent evaluation must ensure that the adopted and/or supplemental document meets DOI/FWS NEPA procedures and guidelines. The adopted document must (1) adequately reflect significant issues raised during scoping, (2) adequately address the public comments on the draft/final EIS/EA, (3) include FWS actions and alternatives to be considered by the FWS decision maker, and (4) adequately address the impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. The independent evaluation must meet DOI/FWS NEPA requirements in 516 DM 1-6, 30 AM 2-3, and 550 FW 3.