

NEPA Compliance Finding

For use with NE-CPA-52 to answer Section "P" and "Q"
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This information is provided to assist the planner in answering "P. NEPA Compliance Finding" and to provide the proper NEPA citation if it is applicable in "Q. Rationale Supporting the Finding".

National NEPA documents links: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/Env_Assess/index.html
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Making the "P. NEPA Compliance Finding"

1) is not a federal action subject to NRCS regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR Part 650)	Select if ONLY providing "Technical Assistance" and NO "Financial Assistance"
2) is a federal action that is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis and there are no <u>extraordinary circumstances</u> . Categorical Exclusions ONLY include: Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasts, Plant Materials for Conservation, Inventory and Monitoring - Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, River Basin Studies under Sec. 6 Public Law (PL) 83-566 as amended.	Document in "Q" on form. No additional analysis is required
3) is a federal action that has been sufficiently analyzed in an existing published NRCS state, regional, or national NEPA document and there are no predicted <u>significant adverse environmental effects or extraordinary circumstances</u> .	See citations for NEPA documents listed below.
4) is a federal action that has been sufficiently analyzed in another Federal agency's NEPA document (EA or EIS) that addresses the proposed NRCS action and its' effects and has been formally adopted by NRCS . NRCS is required to prepare and publish the agency's own Finding of No Significant Impact for an EA or Record of Decision for an EIS when adopting another agency's EA or EIS document.	Currently Nebraska does not have any formally adopted documents. Contact the State Environmental Specialist for further information.
5) is a federal action that has NOT been sufficiently analyzed or may involve predicted significant adverse environmental effects or extraordinary circumstances and may require an EA or EIS.	Contact the State Environmental Specialist. Further NEPA analysis required.

Example of NEPA citation to use:

"Q. Rationale Supporting the Finding"	EQIP, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Environmental Assessment, 2008
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NEPA Document Citations

EQIP Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, 2008	Emergency Watershed Protection Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, 2004
Agricultural Management Assistance Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, November 2002	Wetlands Reserve Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, 2008
Healthy Forest Reserve Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, April 2006	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, 2008
Grassland Reserve Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, 2008	Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, 2008
Conservation Security/Stewardship Program Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Assessment, May 2004	Environmental Assessments completed for watershed planning and rehabilitation projects are only applicable to specific actions in the area of application. Refer to the State Office Environmental Specialist for further guidance.