## **National Environmental Policy Act**

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The purpose of this Act is to "declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality."

7 CFR Part 1b, USDA implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Applicants – The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) utilizes electronic forms that are part of the SF-424 R&R Forms Family for the submission of applications through Grants.gov to NIFA. Within the SF-424 R&R Forms Family is the R&R Other Project Information Form which has applicants address question(s) associated with the impact on the environment. Applications submitted to NIFA undergo a review which includes consideration of the environmental questions addressed by the applicants. The responsible programmatic contact must address NEPA as related to applications recommended for funding.

**Pre-Construction Environmental Assessments (PEA)** 

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