

## **EIAP/NEPA**

The U.S. Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) is the program that ensures compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

NEPA, signed into law in 1970, requires federal agencies to assess the environmental consequences of their proposed actions before making decisions.

The EIAP provides a structured framework for the Air Force to evaluate the potential environmental effects of its projects and activities, ensuring that environmental considerations are integrated into decision-making.

This process promotes a balance between mission requirements and environmental stewardship.

The EIAP involves a multi-level analysis to determine the potential significance of environmental impacts. For actions with no expected significant impact, a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) may be applied. If the impacts are uncertain, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared to determine if a more detailed analysis is needed. Should the EA indicate potentially significant impacts, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is developed.

This process includes opportunities for public involvement, ensuring transparency and allowing for public comment on proposed actions.

Ultimately, the EIAP helps the Air Force make informed decisions that support its mission while protecting and enhancing the environment.