

APPENDIX 1.

Flow charts depicting steps for completing:

Categorical exclusions.

Environmental assessments.

Findings of No Significant IMPACT.

Environmental Impact Statements. and

Records of Decision.

**CHART 1.
CATEGORICAL
EXCLUSIONS.
CHAPTER 6**

STEP 1: SPONSOR DESCRIBES PROPOSED ACTION AND WHY IT IS NEEDED

STEP 2: SPONSOR REVIEWS CATEX LISTS IN TABLES 6-1 AND 6-2 TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED ACTION IS ON EITHER LIST. *IS ACTION ON EITHER LIST?*

NO

**GO TO
CHART 2,
STEP 1B.**

YES

STEP 3: IF THE ACTION IS LISTED AS A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION, THE SPONSOR REVIEWS EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN TABLE 6-3 TO DETERMINE IF THE ACTION INVOLVES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

STEP 4: SPONSOR PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL. .

STEP 5: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL REVIEWS PROPOSED ACTION AND INFORMATION ON EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. *DOES OFFICIAL DETERMINE THAT THE ACTION CAN BE CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ?*

YES

STEP 6: SPONSOR AND/OR FAA PREPARE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO COMPLY WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. .

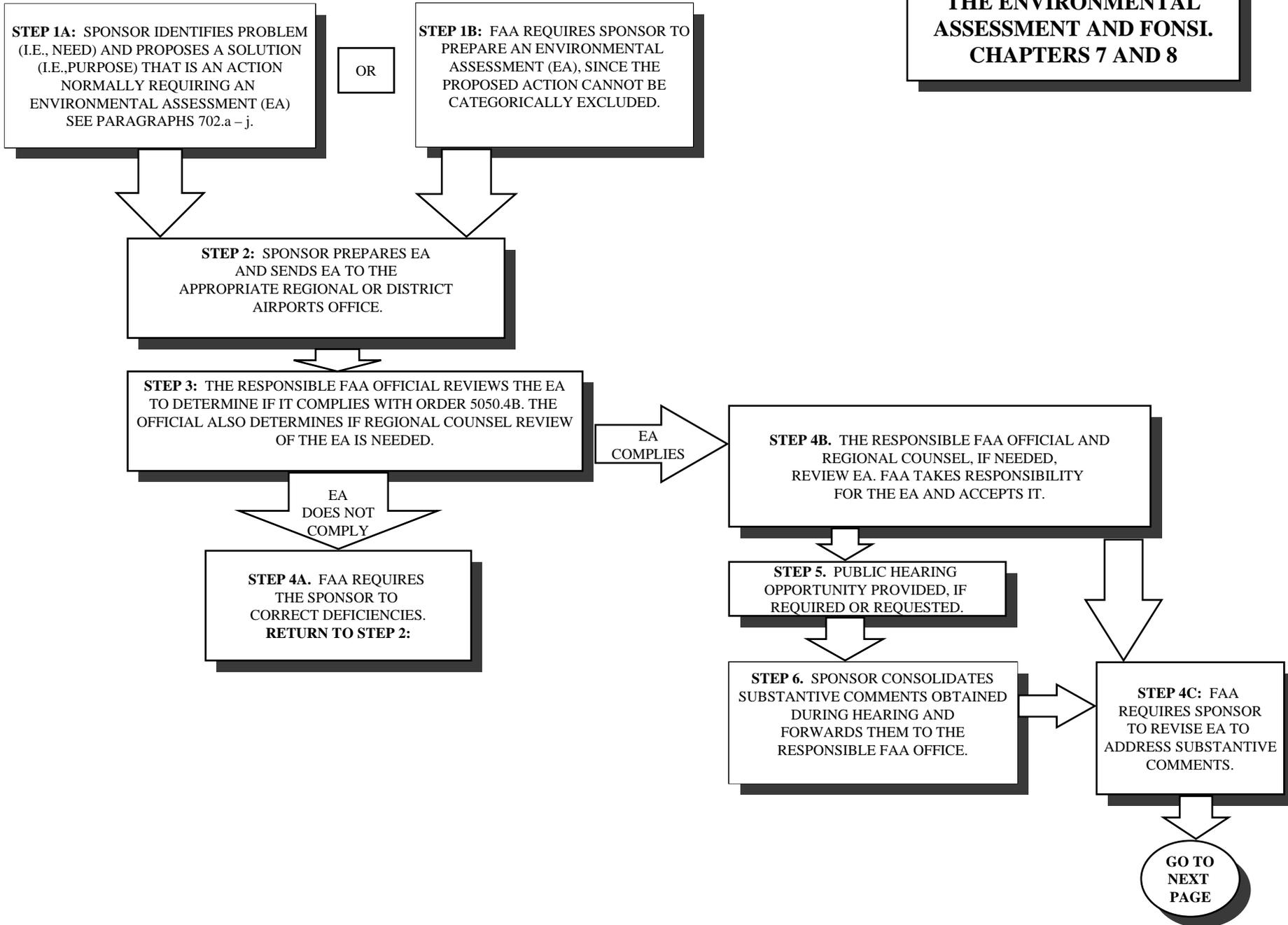
NO

**GO TO
CHART 2,
STEP 1B.**

STEP 7: FAA CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDES ACTION. FAA UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVES PROPOSED ACTION. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL SENDS DATED E-MAIL OR LETTER TO SPONSOR STATING FAA CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED THE ACTION.

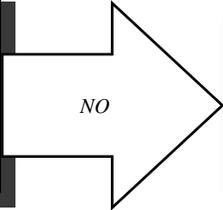
STEP 8: SPONSOR MAY UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ACTION.

**CHART 2.
THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT AND FONSI.
CHAPTERS 7 AND 8**

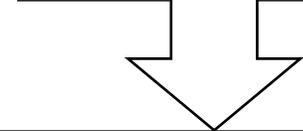


**CHART 2.
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STEP 8. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL AND REGIONAL COUNSEL, IF NEEDED, REVIEW REVISED EA, EXPECTED IMPACTS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION. *DO IMPACTS EXCEED THE SIGNIFIGANCE THRESHOLD FOR THE AFFECTED RESOURCE?*



STEP 9B. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL PREPARES A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL SIGN THE FONSI.

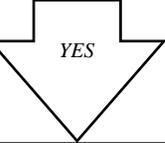


STEP 10A. IF REQUESTED OR REQUIRED, FAA SENDS A COPY OF THE EA AND FONSI TO FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.



STEP 10B. IF RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DETERMINES AGENCY COMMENTS REQUIRE CHANGES TO THE FONSI, FAA PREPARES A REVISED FONSI. **GO TO STEP 8.**

STEP 9A. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL RECOMMENDS THAT FAA PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.



STEP 11. IF NEEDED, RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL PREPARES A ROD FOR THE FONSI, OTHERWISE, GO TO STEP 12.

STEP 12. APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL SIGNS FONSI.

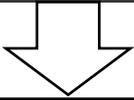
STEP 13. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICE DISTRIBUTES THE APPROVED EA/FONSI TO REVIEWING AGENCIES THAT PROVIDED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS IN STEP 10A. AND ADVISES THE PUBLIC OF EA/FONSI AVAILABILITY.

STEP 14. APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVES PROPOSED ACTION.

STEP 15. SPONSOR MAY UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ACTION.

CHART 3. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND RECORD OF DECISION. CHAPTERS 9-13

STEP 1: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DETERMINES AN EIS IS NEEDED BECAUSE AN EA INDICATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACT WOULD OCCUR (SEE **CHART 2, STEP 9A**), OR THE PROPOSED ACTION NORMALLY REQUIRES AN EIS. SEE PARAGRAPHS 902.a – c.



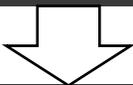
STEP 2: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICE PUBLISHES “NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN EIS” IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.



STEP 3: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DEVELOPS SCOPING TOPICS, CONDUCTS SCOPING, AND IF NEEDED, ASSIGNS RESPONSIBILITY FOR EIS INPUT TO VARIOUS COOPERATING AGENCIES.



STEP 4: FAA SELECTS A CONTRACTOR TO HELP FAA PREPARE THE EIS. THE CONTRACTOR MUST SIGN A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.



STEP 5: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL COMPLETES DRAFT EIS (DEIS) AND DISTRIBUTES IT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. OFFICIAL SENDS DEIS COPIES TO APP-400. REVIEWS LAST AT **LEAST 45 DAYS**.

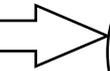


STEP 6A: FAA CERTIFIES TO EPA THAT FAA HAS DISTRIBUTED THE DEIS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT. EPA PUBLISHES “NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DEIS” IN *FEDERAL REGISTER*.

STEP 6B: APP-400 CIRCULATES DEIS WITHIN FAA.



STEP 7. PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED IF REQUIRED. IF REQUESTED, HEARING HELD AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER SPONSOR PUBLISHES MEETING SCHEDULE IN LOCAL MEDIA.



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**CHART 3.
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STEP 8: APP-400 FORWARDS COMMENTS FROM FAA HQ TO RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL

STEP 9: FAA PREPARES FINAL EIS (FEIS) BY: REVIEWING COMMENTS ON THE DEIS AND PUBLIC HEARING; REVISING EIS AS NEEDED; AND PREPARING RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DEIS.

STEP 10: RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICE SENDS FEIS TO APP-400 FOR REVIEW.

STEP 11: APP-400 REVIEWS FEIS. APP-400 RECOMMENDS THAT ARP-1 APPROVE FEIS OR INFORMS ARP-1 THAT EIS APPROVAL IS ALREADY DELEGATED TO THE REGION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION.

STEP 12: EITHER ARP-1 OR THE APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL APPROVES FEIS. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTES FEIS.

STEP 13: EPA PUBLISHES "NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FEIS" IN *FEDERAL REGISTER*. 30-DAY "WAIT PERIOD" BEGINS.

STEP 14: DURING 30-DAY PERIOD, FAA PREPARES RECORD OF DECISION (ROD). REGIONAL FAA APPROVING OFFICIAL OR ARP-1 WILL SIGN ROD, DEPENDING UPON DELEGATION DECISION IN STEP 11.

STEP 15: REGIONAL APPROVING FAA OFFICIAL OR ARP-1 UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVES ACTION, DEPENDING ON DELEGATION DECISION.

STEP 16: SPONSOR TAKES ACTION.