

APPENDIX 1.

Flow charts depicting steps for completing:

Categorical exclusions.

Environmental assessments.

Findings of No Significant IMPACT.

Environmental Impact Statements. and

Records of Decision.

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

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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. .



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.

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**CHART 2.
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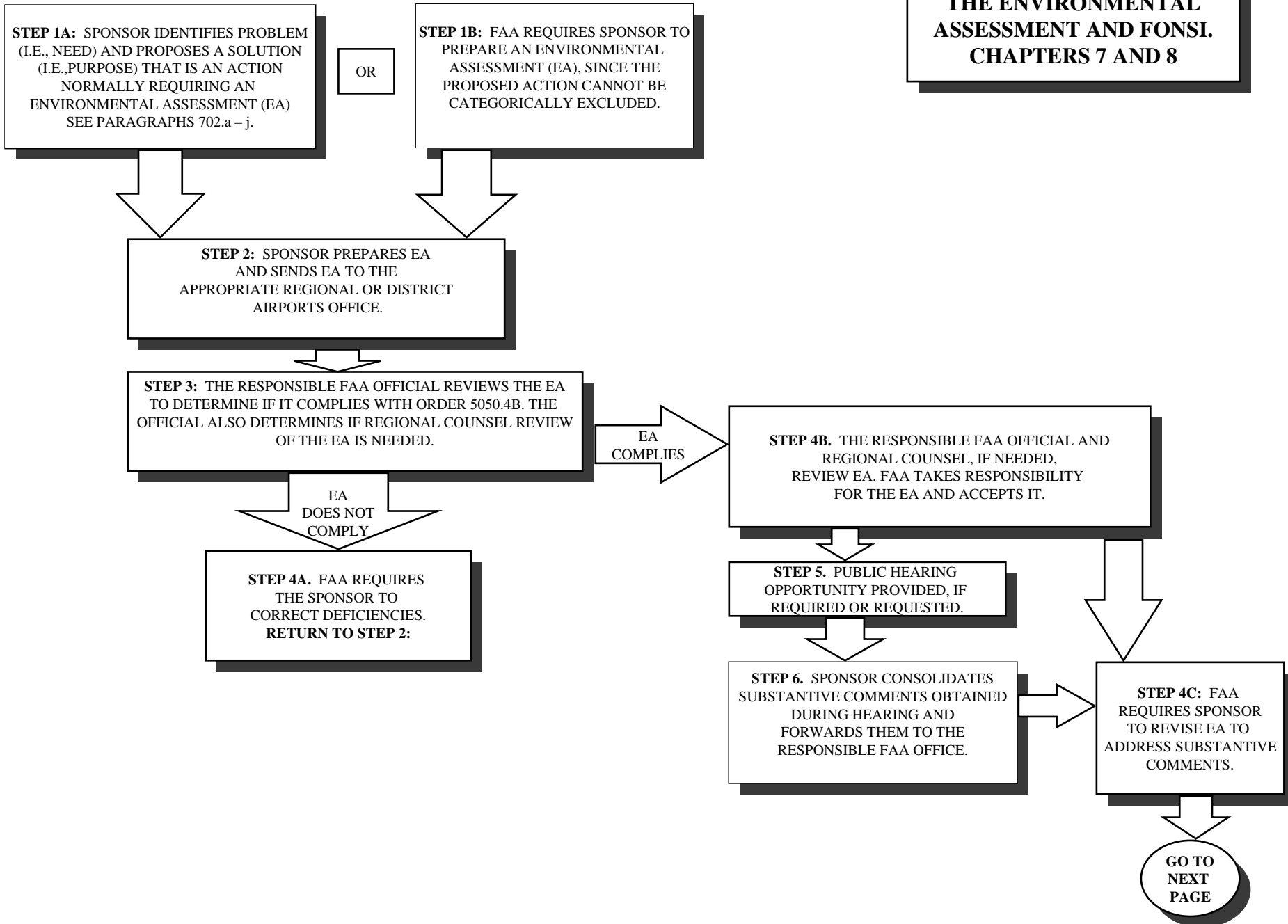
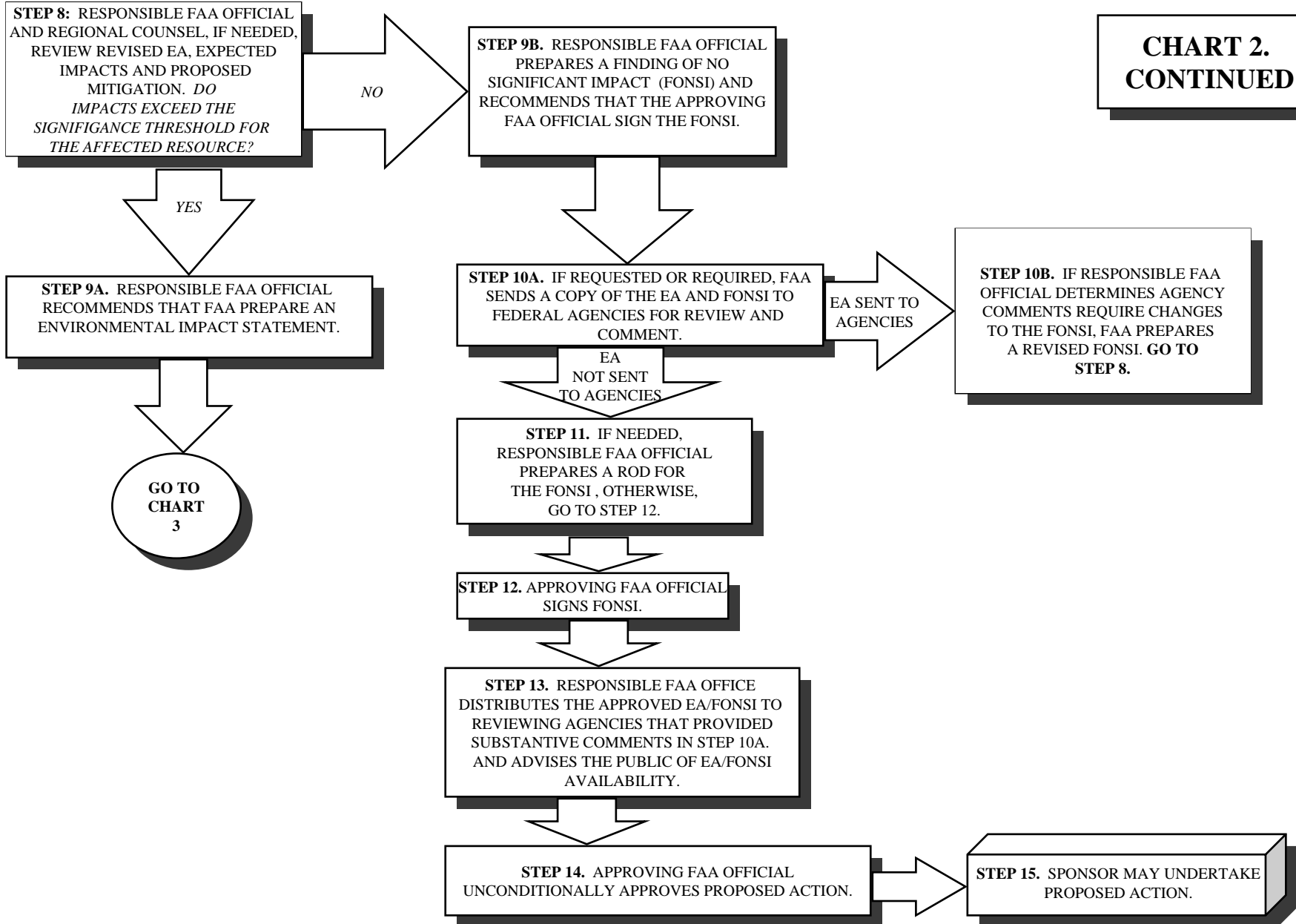


CHART 2. CONTINUED



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

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.

CHART 3. CONTINUED