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SUBJECT: Procedures for Implementing Section 102(2)(C) of
the National Environmental Policy Act

1. Purpose. This Logistics Instruction prescribes procedures for implementing section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190), hereinafter referred to as the Act, with regard to the design, construction, alteration, operation, and use of public buildings and sites, and the lease or purchase of commercial facilities to house Agency activities.

2. Background. Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act directs all Federal agencies to identify and develop methods and procedures which will ensure the environmental amenities and values are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations and to prepare a detailed statement on major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Executive Order 11514 of March 5, 1970, Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality, reinforces the purpose and policy of this Act, and Interim Guidelines, implementing its provisions have been issued by the Council on Environmental Quality.

3. Procedures. The following procedures are established for complying to the Act:

a. Officials responsible for the environmental statements. Statements shall be prepared by the Director of Logistics who has been designated the responsible official in Section 102(2)(C) of the Act. The Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division will assist the D/L as required and provide appropriate technical competence to develop statements in a timely manner consistent with the actions identified in subparagraph 3b, 3c and 3d of this Instruction.

b. Application.

(1) The Agency recognizes its responsibility as set forth in the Act and as a general principle environmental statements shall be provided when it is concluded that an Agency action will have a significant impact on the environment. The sensitive nature of certain Agency sponsored activities however

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may preclude submission of a statement by the Agency. In such cases, other appropriate steps will be taken by the Agency to insure compliance with the Act.

(2) In view of the paucity of Agency actions which impact upon the environment, it shall be the policy of the Agency in the development of environment statements to utilize to the greatest extent possible approaches being used by other federal agencies with similar problems and to similarly rely upon the Council on Environmental Quality for continuing advice and guidance. In order to achieve this goal, the Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, OL , will establish a continuing liaison with the CEQ and other federal agencies as appropriate.