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USAID's Environmental Procedures: The Big Picture

Why the procedures?

- ❖ **ESDM:**
a key objective for the **ethical and effective practice of development**
- ❖ Achieving ESDM requires **explicit and systematic attention** to environmental issues in program development and implementation
- ❖ **USAID's Environmental Procedures:**
 - *an EIA-based process intended to assure that this 'explicit and systematic attention' actually occurs over LOP*

USAID's EIA & Sustainability Mandate

- ❖ §117 of the FAA requires that USAID:
 - *utilize an EIA process to evaluate the potential impact of USAID's activities on the environment prior to implementation*
 - *“fully take into account” environmental sustainability in designing and carrying out its development programs.*
- ❖ Mandate is codified in 22CFR216 (“**Reg. 216**”) and in the ADS, (especially 201.3.12.2.b and 204.)
(Collectively, USAID's Environmental Procedures)
- ❖ Compliance with the procedures is mandatory.
- ❖ Apply to every program, project, activity, and amendment supported with USAID funds.

USAID's environmental procedures: overview

- ❖ The procedures specify an EIA process that must be applied to all activities **before** implementation.
- ❖ This process frequently results in environmental management conditions (mitigative measures).
- ❖ These measures must be implemented and monitored over the life of the activity.

Key LOP env. compliance requirements

- 1. Environmental considerations must be taken into account in activity planning .**
- 2. No activities may be implemented without *approved Reg 216 environmental documentation* .**
- 3. Any resulting mitigation and monitoring conditions are:**
 - 1. written into contract instruments.**
 - 2. implemented, and this implementation is monitored**

RCE, IEE or EA. This documentation is the result of an EIA process

Monitoring via field inspections and review of routine project reports submitted by implementing partners

Key LOP env. compliance requirements

- 4. Environmental compliance is assessed in Annual Reports**
- 5. Environmental compliance documentation is maintained.**



For more information, see “LOP compliance tables” in the sourcebook



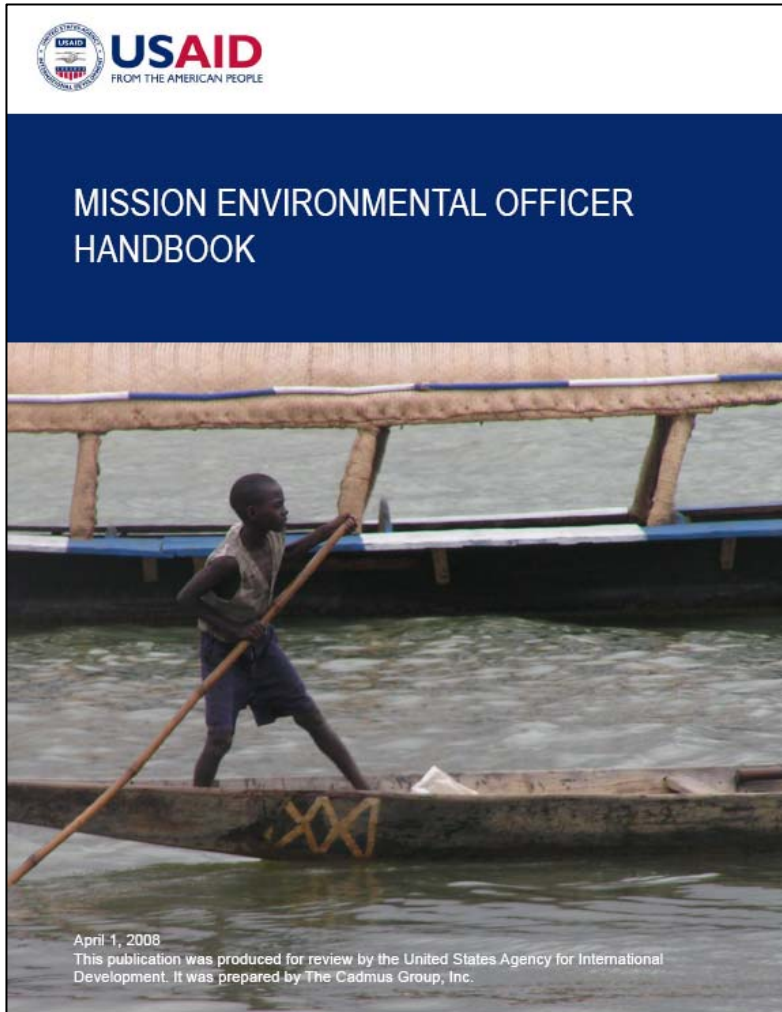
Who is responsible?

Fundamental responsibility & accountability:

- SO Team Leader**
- each CTO or Activity Manager**
- ultimately with the Mission Director.**

MEO is generally a compliance advisor and coordinator.

MEO Handbook: **A New Guide to LOP Compliance**



The new *MEO Handbook*:

- ❖ **Organized around LOP compliance.**
- ❖ **Targeted at MEOs, but a useful, concise reference for all**
- ❖ **Feedback solicited**
- ❖ **Available on-line via the MEO Resource Center at www.encapafrika.org.**

This workshop draws heavily from the Handbook

Looking ahead

- ❖ **This session: the “big picture” only**
- ❖ **Future classroom & field sessions:**
 - *Reg 216 (the pre-implementation EIA process)*
 - *What makes a good IEE?*
 - *Implementing IEE conditions:*
 - Writing IEE/EA conditions into procurement instruments
 - Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans

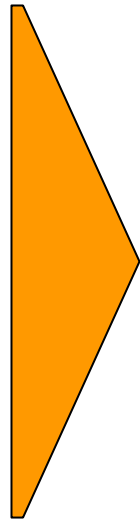
The final message

USAID's environmental procedures are not an exercise in paperwork. **They should result in environmentally sound design.**



At a minimum, this requires compliance.

(Especially implementation and monitoring of all conditions.)



GO BEYOND THE MINIMUM!

use the process to proactively address environmental issues & build capacity for environmentally sound design.