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Preface – Definitions. Updated definitions where needed.

Chapter 15 – Environmental Requirements

- **Appendix 15.1 – A.** Updated ‘NEPA – Build/No-Build EA’ and ‘NEPA – EIS or Multi-Alternative EA’ rows with additional information.
- **15.2.1 – Introduction.** Under the second bullet, added a new second sentence that reads, “...Depending on project scope, EAs can be build/no-build where a single build concept is evaluated along with the no-build alternative or multi-alternative where multiple build concepts and the no-build alternative are evaluated. The decision as to the type of EA that is required is decided through coordination with VDOT, FHWA, and other agencies when applicable...”
- **15.2.1 – Introduction.** Under the second bulled, replaced the final sentence with, “...A FONSI must be issued within 1 year of signature on the NEPA Concurrence Form, and the EA shall be no more than 75 pages (not including appendices)...”
- **15.2.1 – Introduction.** Under the third bullet, added a final sentence that reads, “...A ROD must be issued within two years of the Notice of Intent, and the Final EIS shall be 150 pages or fewer (300 pages or fewer for proposals of unusual scope or complexity)...”
- **15.2.1 – Introduction.** Updated the final paragraph to read, “The sections that follow focus on the requirements for PCEs, CEs, and Build/No-Build EAs. EISs and Multi-Alternative EAs are not discussed here as they require the creation of a detailed scope of services outlining specific actions and requirements of both VDOT and the LPA. The scope of services is to be documented in Appendix B of the Project-specific Administration Agreement detailing VDOT management of the NEPA document and the support to be provided by the LPA, including but not limited to permit sketches, traffic counts, design plans, and hazardous materials investigations...”

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- **15.2.5 – Environmental Assessments (EA)**. Updated the chapter title to read, “Build/No-Build Environmental Assessments (EA).”
- **15.2.5 – Environmental Assessments (EA)**. In the third paragraph, updated the first sentence to read, “...Per agreement with FHWA, VDOT requires the use of standardized outline for EAs. The standardized outline, including guidance on completing the outline, can be found here...”