

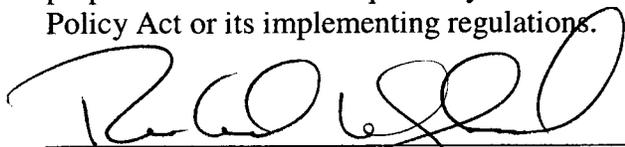
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Consequently, this PEA will be used to streamline the overall CRCGP National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process and eliminate duplicative documentation. The PEA will be reviewed every five years in order to ensure that its impact analyses remain current. If not, the PEA will be revised as needed. Additionally, each proposed project will be reviewed in order to determine whether or not its potential environmental impacts have been adequately addressed in this PEA. This review will be conducted by the completion of the NEPA Project Review Checklist contained in Appendix C of the PEA. If this review determines that the proposed project type and its environmental impacts have been analyzed in the PEA, no further NEPA documentation will be completed for that project and the completed Checklist will be included with the other records for that grant award. If the project type or impacts are not analyzed in this PEA, the proposed project will be the subject of an individual NEPA review. Depending upon the degree of the project's potential impacts, this review could involve either the preparation of a categorical exclusion memorandum, an environmental assessment, or an environmental impact statement.

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