Attachment 5-9

8-Step Decision-Making Process for Executive Order 11988

STEP 1: Determine if the proposed action is in the base floodplain

** AVOID FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT IF POSSIBLE**

STEP 2: Early public review

Yes

STEP 3: Identify and evaluate alternatives to locating in the base floodplain

No action alternative

Non-floodplain alternative

Floodplain proposal

STEP 4: Identify impacts of proposed action

STEP 5: Minimize harm and restore and preserve natural and beneficial values

Does the action have (a) impacts in the base floodplain [See also 24 CFR 55.12(c)(6)] or (b) indirectly support floodplain development?

Yes

** Substitute 500 year floodplain for base floodplain for critical actions**

No

STEP 6: Reevaluate alternatives

Limit action - Return to Step 3

In the base floodplain

No action

STEP 7: Findings and public explanation

STEP 8: Implement proposed action in compliance with minimization plans and flood insurance requirements