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**

Yes

No

STEP 2: Early public review

Yes

No

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

No action alternative

Non-floodplain alternative

Floodplain proposal

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

No

STEP 4: Identify impacts of proposed action

Limit action - Return to Step 3

No action

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

STEP 6: Reevaluate alternatives

In the base floodplain

STEP 7: Findings and public explanation

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

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