

**APPENDIX 5.1 NEPA ADEQUACY REVIEW FORM EXAMPLE**

[INSERT MINE NAME]  
Federal Coal Lease [INSERT NUMBER]  
NEPA Adequacy Review Form  
[INSERT NAME OF NEPA DOCUMENT]  
[INSERT COUNTY, STATE]  
[INSERT DATE]



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# Worksheet

## NEPA Adequacy Review Form (NARF)

OFFICE:

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

APPLICANT (if any):

- A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures**
- B. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**
- C. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1.** Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

**2.** Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

**3.** Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

**4.** Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

**5.** Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

#### **D. Persons/Agencies /OSMRE Staff Consulted**

Identified below are those team members that conducted or participated in the preparation of this document.

Name:  
Title:  
Resource/Agency Represented:

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Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute the OSMRE's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Project Lead:                      Date:  
NEPA Coordinator:              Date:  
Responsible Official:          Date:

**Note:** The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the OSMRE's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.