

## 40 C.F.R. § 1501.5

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### Environmental assessments.

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- (a) An agency shall prepare an environmental assessment for a proposed action that is not likely to have significant effects or when the significance of the effects is unknown unless the agency finds that a categorical exclusion (§ 1501.4) is applicable or has decided to prepare an environmental impact statement.
- (b) An agency may prepare an environmental assessment on any action in order to assist agency planning and decision making.

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