

Agenda & Table of Contents:

(version 18 Sept 2009)

Life of Project Environmental Compliance and Environmentally Sound Design and Management

A training workshop for USAID Staff and Partners

Bangkok, 6-9 October 2009

Day 0: Monday 5 Oct 2009

Out-of-town participants arrive

Day 1: Tuesday, 6 Oct 2009

Start/End	Session No. and Name
8:00 – 8:30	Registration & Coffee
8:30 – 9:15	1 Introductions, overview & expectations
	What is Environment? and
	Why Environmentally Sound Design and Management? (ESDM)
9:15– 10:15	2 <i>Arriving at a common understanding of "environment" and motivating ESDM as a necessary and explicit objective for effective development.</i>
	Includes 12-min case study segment from "Env Considerations: Toward a Sustainable Future" Video
10:30 – 10:30	TEA BREAK
	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and ESDM
10:30 – 11:00	3 <i>Overview of the EIA process; why EIA is the internationally accepted standard framework for achieving ESDM in project-based development</i>
	USAID'S Environmental Procedures : The Big Picture
11:00 – 11:15	4 <i>Overview of key life-of-project (LOP) environmental compliance requirements created by Reg. 216 and the ADS & who has responsibility for implementing them. Collectively, these EIA-based procedures are intended to assure that ESDM receives explicit and systematic attention over LOP .</i>
11:15 – 12:30	5 CORE EIA Skills: Characterizing the Baseline Situation, Evaluating Environmental Impacts; Principles of Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 15:30	6 Practicing Core EIA Skills: Virtual Field Visit <i>Virtual field visit to practice the "Core EIA Skills" of baseline characterization and identification of potentially significant impacts. Does NOT require knowledge of or address the specifics of USAID's environmental procedures.</i>
15:30 – 15:45	TEA BREAK
15:45 – 17:00	7 Intro to Reg. 216 <i>Reg 216 sets out USAID's mandatory pre-obligation EIA process. Environmental mitigation and monitoring conditions established by this process become required elements of activity design and implementation .</i>

Day 2: Wednesday, 7 Oct 2009

Start/End	Session No. and Name	
8:30 – 8:45	Day 1 Review, orientation to Day 2	
8:45 – 9:45	8	Case Study Part 1: Screening Activities under Reg 216 <i>Screening activities for a proposed project using Reg. 216 criteria. (Working groups). The project will be based on the Day 3 field visit.</i>
9:45 – 10:30	9	Effective IEEs: Well-considered and well-written <i>The IEE is USAID's "Preliminary Assessment" and the most common type of env. review documentation required by Reg. 216. Overview of the IEE (Structure, purpose, nature of "determinations") + characteristics of well-written, well-considered IEEs. (These characteristics also apply to subproject environmental review reports.)</i>
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 12:30	10	Case Study Part 2: IEE Review <i>For the project screened under "Case Study Part 1," now review and critique a draft IEE. (provided in 2-page bullet format)</i>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 15:00	11	Implementing IEE and EA Conditions: A. The central role of the EMMP <i>(Env Mitigation and Monitoring Plan): Effective IEEs are implemented. This requires that a complete EMMP exists, budgets and workplans implement the EMMP, and that PMPs measure EMMP implementation. (The basic concept of the EMMP is also briefed) B. Environmental Compliance: Language for Procurement Instruments (ECL). Incorporating EMMP development and implementation requirements into procurement language is the best way to "mainstream" the environmental compliance process--and the ADS requires it. The second part of this session focuses on the ECL, a new ADS 204 "help document" which provides a combination of boilerplate language and step-by-step guidance to develop env compliance language for procurement instruments.</i>
		<i>Hands-on exercise with the ECL, generating compliance language for a mock procurement. (40 min.)</i>
15:00 – 15:15	TEA BREAK	
15:15 – 16:30	ST	Special Topic: Global Climate Change, ESDM and Environmental Compliance
16:30 – 17:00	12	Field Visit Briefing (Case Study Part 3: EMMP Development)

Day 3: Thursday, 8 Oct 2009

Start/End	Session No. and Name	
8:30 – 8:45		Day 1 Review, orientation to Day 2
8:30 – 8:45		Day 2 Review, orientation to Day 3
8:45 – 9:45	ST	Special Topic: Subproject Review Discussion of sub-project review requirements in IEEs and the responsibilities they place on partners and COTRs. Use of the Environmental Review Form and development of Environmental Review Reports for sub-project review.
9:45 – 10:30	ST	Special Topic: Pesticides Discussion of the special env compliance requirements that apply to Pesticides and key elements of best practice in Pesticide use.
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 17:00	12	Case Study Part 3/Field visit Field visit focused on understanding impacts and environmental and other management processes. (Lunch on the road.)

Day 4: Friday, 9 Oct 2009

Start/End	Session No. and Name	
8:30 – 8:45		Day 1 Review, orientation to Day 2
8:30 – 8:45		Workshop-to-date Review, orientation to final Day
8:45 – 10:30	12	Case Study Part 3/Classroom Follow-up: EMMP Development Based on field visit observations, working groups develop EMMPs responsive to IEE conditions.
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 11:30	ST	Special Topic: IEE/EA Conditions and Env Comp. Best Practice for "Tricky Areas" e.g., Policy development; Trade; SME Support; Private Sector Credit Support including DCA.
11:30 – 12:30	13	Env Compliance/ESDM Knowledge Game ESDM and environmental compliance review session in the form of a group competition
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 13:45	14	Resources for ESDM and Env. Compliance
13:45 – 14:45	15	Going forward: Environmental Compliance/ESDM in RDMA & Bilateral Missions A synthesis & wrap-up discussion with the BEO/REA
14:45 – 15:15	16	Evaluation
15:15 – 15:30	TEA BREAK	
15:30 – 16:00	Certificates & Closing	