

8-Step Decision-Making Process for Executive Orders 11988/13690

STEP 1:

If no exception at [55.12](#) or [55.13](#) applies, is the proposed action in the FFRMS floodplain? Use CISA, 0.2PFA, or FVA or best available information.

No



Document your finding that the project is not in an FFRMS floodplain and include supporting documentation (maps, etc.) in your ERR.

Yes



STEP 2: Early Public Review

Publish the [early public notice](#) in a newspaper or on a government website followed by a 15-day public comment period



STEP 3:

Identify and evaluate alternatives to locating the project in the FFRMS floodplain

Alternative site(s) outside of and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain

AND

Alternative methods that serve the project objective

AND

No action

For multifamily or healthcare projects involving HUD mortgage insurance:

A determination to approve the request without modification

AND

A determination to approve the request with modification

AND

A determination not to approve the request



STEP 4:

Identify impacts of proposed action



STEP 5:

Minimize harm, restore and preserve natural and beneficial values, and elevate structures for projects involving new construction or substantial improvements



STEP 6:

Reevaluate alternatives

Approve project

OR

Approve with modifications

OR

Cancel project



STEP 7:

[Final Public Notice](#)



STEP 8:

Implement proposed action in compliance with minimization plans

If your project meets an exception at [55.14](#), then steps 2, 3, and 7 do not apply.