Grantees must ensure that their project meets the criteria for use of the simplified 5-step decision making process BEFORE utilizing the 5-step process. More detailed information on each of the following steps can be found in Chapter 3: Environmental Review, Section 3.3.4 of the CDBG Grants Management Manual.

**5-Step Decision-Making Process for Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management)**

**STEP 1:** Determine if the proposed action is in the base floodplain

**AVOID FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT IF POSSIBLE**

**STEP 2:**

(a) Is the action located in the floodplain [See also 24 CFR 55.12(c)(6)]

(b) Indirectly support floodplain development?

Yes

**STEP 4:** Identify and evaluate impacts of proposed action

**STEP 5:** Design/modify proposed action to minimize potential adverse impacts to/from the floodplain

**STEP 6:** Reevaluate whether action is practicable (i.e., exposure to flood hazards, adverse impacts, aggravate current hazards, disrupt functions/values of floodplain, economic costs)

**STEP 7:**

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

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