

Using the NEPA Search Index

Step 1: Download and Set Up

1. Locate the downloaded files, right click on each file, select “Extract all,” extract it to any location on your computer or USB drive.
2. Open the extracted folder, either “NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ” or “NEPA Search Index - Other.”
3. Within the extracted folder, locate and open the .pdx file (titled “_NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ” or “_NEPA Search Index - Other”) to open the search form.

Step 2: Entering a Search Term or Phrase

Please Note: the search form will open as a separate window in Adobe, it may be first appear hidden. You should be able to locate the form by un-“Maximizing” the window in the top right hand corner and adjusting the window until it appears

Use the default option

Enter search term or phrase here

Search

Arrange Windows

Where would you like to search?

In the current document

All PDF Documents in

My Documents

In the index named _NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ.pdx

What word or phrase would you like to search for?

Whole words only

Case-Sensitive

Include Bookmarks

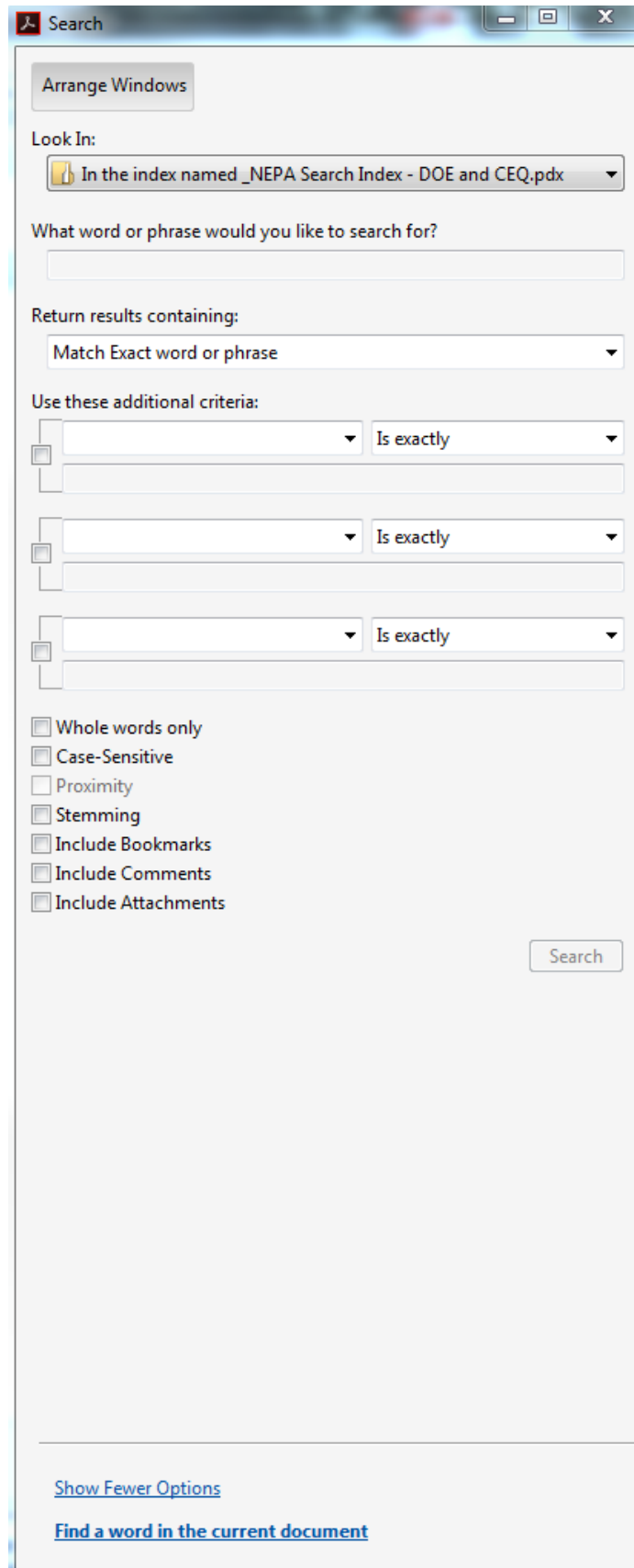
Include Comments

Search

[Show More Options](#)

[Find a word in the current document](#)

Step 2.2: Refining Search Term or Phrase (Optional)



Search

Arrange Windows

Look In:
In the index named _NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ.pdx

What word or phrase would you like to search for?

Return results containing:
Match Exact word or phrase

Use these additional criteria:

Is exactly

Is exactly

Is exactly

Whole words only
 Case-Sensitive
 Proximity
 Stemming
 Include Bookmarks
 Include Comments
 Include Attachments

Search

[Show Fewer Options](#)

[Find a word in the current document](#)

Step 3: Preview the Results

The screenshot shows a search window titled "Search" with standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close). The search criteria are "Looking For: extraordinary in the index named _NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ.pdx". The results summary indicates "11 document(s) with 136 instance(s)". A "New Search" button and a save icon are present. The results list includes:

- > Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions [CEQ][2010]
- > DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021) [DOE][2012]
- > Integrating NEPA and NHPA Section 106 [CEQ-ACHP][2013]
- > A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA - Having Your Voice Heard [CEQ][2007]
- > Preparing Efficient and Timely Environmental Reviews under NEPA [CEQ][2012]
- > NEPA Task Force - Modernizing NEPA Implementation [CEQ][2003]
- > Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508) [CEQ][1978]
- > Guidance on NEPA Categorical Exclusion Determinations [DOE][1988]
- > NEPA - A Study of Effectiveness After 25 Years [CEQ][1997]
- > Consideration of Past Actions in Cumulative Effects Analysis [CEQ][2005]
- > Emergency Actions and NEPA [CEQ][2005]

At the bottom, the search is sorted by "Relevance Ranking" and "Collapse file paths" is checked. There are links for "Refine Search Results", "Show Fewer Options", and "Find a word in the current document".

Step 4: Reviewing the Results

Click "Expand" Button

Click on any result

It will automatically open the document and bring you to and highlight that result

Looking For:
extraordinary in the index named _NEPA Search Index - DOE and CEQ.pdx

Results:
11 document(s) with 136 instance(s)

New search

Results:

- Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions [CEQ][2010].pdf
- extraordinary circumstances." Extraordinary circumstances are factors or c
- circumstances." Extraordinary circumstances are factors or circumstances
- any extraordinary circumstances that might give rise to significant enviro
- are extraordinary circumstances that would warrant further NEPA review.
- raise extraordinary circumstances, the CEQ Regulations make clear that an
- applicable extraordinary circumstances. When an agency revises an extrac
- an extraordinary circumstance, it should make sure that the revised versio
- C. Extraordinary Circumstances Extraordinary circumstances are appropri
- Extraordinary circumstances are appropriately understood as those factor:
- as extraordinary circumstances the potential effects on protected species
- the extraordinary circumstances described in their NEPA procedures to er
- An extraordinary circumstance requires the agency to determine how to p
- an extraordinary circumstance, which, depending on the structure of the
- the extraordinary circumstance could be defined to include both the pres
- applies extraordinary circumstances and the circumstances under which a
- existing extraordinary circumstances concurrently with the review of their
- existing extraordinary circumstances do not provide sufficient parameters
- additional extraordinary circumstances or revise those that will apply to th
- extensive extraordinary circumstances are needed to limit a proposed cat

Sort by: Relevance Ranking

Collapse file paths

[Refine Search Results](#)

[Show Fewer Options](#)

[Find a word in the current document](#)

Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions [CEQ][2010].pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro DC

File Edit View Window Help

Home Tools Using the NEPA Re... Establishing, Appli... x

3 / 25 137%

Categories of actions for which exclusions are established can be limited by their terms. Furthermore, the application of a categorical exclusion can be limited by "extraordinary circumstances." Extraordinary circumstances are factors or circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect that then requires further analysis in an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS).¹¹¹

Categorical exclusions are not exemptions or waivers of NEPA review; they are simply one type of NEPA review. To establish a categorical exclusion, agencies determine whether a proposed activity is one that, on the basis of past experience, normally does not require further environmental review. Once established, categorical exclusions provide an efficient tool to complete the NEPA environmental review process for proposals that normally do not require more resource-intensive EAs or EISs. The use of categorical exclusions can reduce paperwork and delay, so that EAs or EISs are targeted toward proposed actions that truly have the potential to cause significant environmental effects.¹¹²

When determining whether to use a categorical exclusion for a proposed activity, a Federal agency must carefully review the description of the proposed action to ensure that it fits within the category of actions described in the categorical exclusion. Next, the agency must consider the specific circumstances associated with the proposed activity, to rule out any extraordinary circumstances that might give rise to significant environmental effects requiring further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS.¹¹³ In other words, when evaluating whether to apply a categorical exclusion to a proposed activity, an agency must consider the specific circumstances associated with the activity and may not end its review based solely on the determination that the activity fits within the description of the categorical exclusion; rather, the agency must also consider whether there are extraordinary circumstances that would warrant further NEPA review. Even if a proposed activity fits within the definition of a categorical exclusion and does not rise