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"Human environment" shall be interpreted comprehensively to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment. (See the definition of "effects" (§ 1508.8).) This means that economic or social effects are not intended by themselves to require preparation of an environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared and economic or social and natural or physical environmental effects are interrelated, then the environmental impact statement will discuss all of these effects on the human environment.

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NEPA, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.](#)), sec. 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 7609](#)), and E.O. 11514 (Mar. 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977).

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