

他機関での先進的取り組み—USAID の例（抜粋）

1. 「プロジェクトを行わない」という選択肢を含めた形での代替案の検討が環境評価（EA）に含まれている。また、何を根拠にどのように選択肢を判断したかについて、説明する必要がある。

（説明）USAID での EA とは環境影響の十分な議論を行うことであり、その目的（**general purpose**）に代替案の提示が含まれている。もともとのプロジェクト案と代替案の環境への影響を比較する形で問題を明らかにし、プロジェクト担当者が報告書の詳細設計に含まれなかった代替案を審査前に却下する場合には、なぜそれらが含まれなかったのかについての理由を簡潔に述べることが求められている。

“Alternatives Including the Proposed Action. This section should present the environmental impacts of the proposal and its alternatives in comparative form, thereby sharpening the issues and providing a clear basis for choice among options by the decision-maker. This section should explore and evaluate reasonable alternatives and briefly discuss the reasons for eliminating those alternative considered in detail including the proposed action so that reviewers may evaluate their comparative merits; include the alternative of no action” (216.6 Environmental assessments(c)(3), 22CFR216 Agency Environmental Procedures)

2. 環境影響の評価に対する援助側の責任が明らかである。

“Purpose. In accordance with sections 118(b) and 621 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the following general procedures shall be used by A.I.D. to ensure that environmental factors and values are integrated into the A.I.D. decision-making process. These procedures also assign responsibility within the Agency for assessing the environmental effects of A.I.D's actions.” (216.1 Introduction (a), *ibid*)

3. 案件採択前において環境影響評価の一般への情報公開が行われるとともに、公聴会を開催することもある。

（説明）USAID では、もっとも環境影響が予測される環境影響評価（EIS）のドラフトについて、案件の最終的な採択の少なくとも 45 日間以上、関連する連邦政府機関への配布と一般への公開、意見の受けが行われている。寄せられた意見はすべて、EIS の最終版に添

付される。また、一般からの要請に応じて、環境影響報告書案の内容に関し公聴会を開催することもある。

“Other Effects: Content and Form. (略)Draft Environmental Impact Statements generally will be made available for comment to Federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, and to public and private organizations and individuals for not less than fortyfive(45) days. Notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statements will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Cognizant Bureaus and Offices will submit these drafts for circulation through the Environmental Coordinator who will have the responsibility for coordinating all such communications with persons outside A.I.D. Any comments received by the Environmental Coordinator will be forwarded to the originating Bureau or Office for consideration in final policy decisions and the preparation of a final Environmental Impact Statement. All such comments will be attached to the final Statement, and those relevant comments not adequately discussed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement will be appropriately dealt with in the final Environmental Impact Statement. Copies of the final Environmental Impact Statement, with comments attached, will be sent by the Environmental Coordinator to CEQ and to all other Federal, state and local agencies and private organizations that made substantive comments on the draft, including affected foreign governments.” (216.7 Environmental impact assessments.(c), ibid)

“However, in some cases the Administrator may wish to hold public hearings on draft Environmental Impact Statements. In deciding whether or not a public hearings is appropriate, Bureaus in conjunction with the Environmental Coordinator should consider: (1) The magnitude of the proposal in terms of economic costs, the geographic area involved, and the uniqueness or size of commitment of the resources involved; (2) The degree of interest in the proposal as evidenced by requests from the public and from Federal, state and local authorities, and private organizations and individuals, that a hearing be held;” (216.8 Public hearings.(a), ibid)

4. プロジェクト実施中に当初予期しなかった環境に対する重大な影響が判明した場合は、スクリーニング、スコーピング、環境影響の改定などといった適切な対処を求める。

“Monitoring. (略) If during implementation of any project, program or activity, whether or not an Environmental Assessment of Environmental Impact Statement was originally required, it appears to the Mission Director, of officer responsible for the project, program or activity, that it is having or will have a significant effect on the environment that was not previously studied in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, the procedures contained in this part shall be followed including, as appropriate, a Threshold Decision, Scoping and an Environmental Assessment

or Environmental Impact Statement.” (216.3 Procedures (a)(8), *ibid*)

“Revisions. If, after a Treshold Decision is made resulting in a Negative Determination, a project is revised or new information becomes available which indicates that a proposed action might be “major” and its effects “significant”, the Negative Determination will be reviewed and revised by the cognizant Bureau and an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared, if appropriate. Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements will be amended and processed appropriately if there are major changes in the project or program, or if significant new information becomes available which relates to the impact of the project, program or activity on the environment that was not considered at the time the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement was approved.” (216.3 Procedures (a)(9), *ibid*)