

## GMP Dynamic Sourcebook - Appendix C: Examples of Legal Requirement Sections

### C.2 Examples of Documentation

#### Example 1: Regional Office Request for a Waiver

Memorandum

To: Chief, Environmental Quality Division, WASO  
From: Associate Regional Director, Planning, Construction and Facilities Management, NER  
Subject: Proposed NER Regional Director Action to Issue a Waiver to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the BOAF General Management Plan

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Staff and consultants have been working for the past several years to develop a General Management Plan for Boston African American NHS. As you know, this partnership park was authorized in 1980 and is comprised of 15 structures within the Beacon Hill Historic District. NPS owns no land in the park, but instead relies on cooperative agreements and partnerships to preserve, protect, and interpret resources identified in the authorizing legislation.

After public scoping and developing management prescriptions and alternatives, the authors believe that none of the contemplated actions have potential for significant impact to the human environment. Instead, the proposals address such items as improving interpretive programs and electronic information, providing handicapped access, replacing signs, and enhancing cooperative relationships among site partners.

The planning team has received valuable input from the public (including owners of historic properties within the NHS), local, state and federal officials, and from park and regional office staff during this period. They have conducted formal and informal public outreach and all the feedback they have received makes it clear that the GMP proposals are not considered controversial. They conducted a public open house and a park partner workshop regarding the options under consideration and received uniform support from participants.

Based on the significant and supportive input we have received from all sources, the Regional Director desires to waive the requirement to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to prepare, instead, an Environmental Assessment for the General Management Plan. Given the well documented lack of potential for significant impacts, and the absence of public controversy, we believe an EA best serves the interests of the public and the park and is in compliance with *Management Policies 2006*. We would appreciate your affirmative consultation as provided for in Section 2.3.1.7.