

Special Topic

Environmental Compliance Best Practice for “Tricky Activities” + General Reg. 216 Discussion

Technical presentation followed by Q&A session

Summary

While Reg. 216 enumerates classes of activities eligible for categorical exclusions, it also states that categorical exclusions do not apply if “at any time in the design, review or approval of the activity ... it is determined that [it] ... is subject to the control of USAID and may have a significant effect on the environment.” (22CFR216.2(c)(3)).

For this reason, a number of typical USAID-funded activities are NOT eligible for categorical exclusions—even though they fall within a general class of activities that *are* eligible.

In these and other typical activities, USAID’s “knowledge and control” may be less than complete. What does this mean for the development and implementation of appropriate IEE conditions?

This session explores these questions via a set of brief case studies and participatory discussion.

The discussion of “tricky activities” will be followed by a general Reg. 216-focused Q&A session that will allow participants to raise and discuss specific issues, challenges or insights related to IEE development.

Objectives

Understand why categorical exclusions often do not apply to activities like policy development, trade, SME support, and private sector credit support, as well as the principles that inform the conditions that should be applied to these types of activities.

Provide an opportunity for open discussion of Reg. 216-related questions or concerns in the context of IEE development.