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Translating General IEE Conditions into Specific Actions: Key Principles

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The Issue:

Extremely General IEE Conditions

- ❖ IEE conditions are often written very generally
- ❖ Implementing these conditions requires first translating them into specific mitigation actions

How do we do this?

For example:

“wells shall be sited to minimize the possibility of contamination.”

Or even more generally:

“wells shall be sited consistent with good practices.”

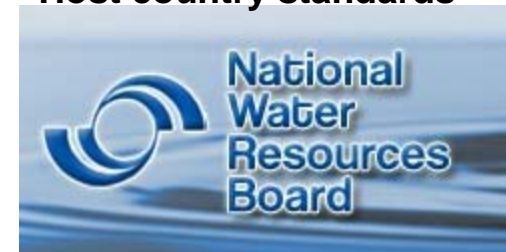


The Basic Approach: Refer to Appropriate Standards or Best Practice Guidance

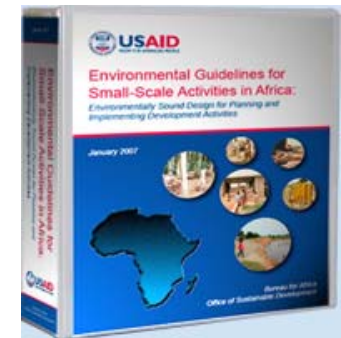
For our well example:

- ❖ Identify & adopt siting criteria from appropriate standards or best practice guidance
- ❖ The concrete mitigation action in the EMMP is:
“Compliance with project well-siting criteria”
- ❖ Attach siting criteria to EMMP; make checklist for use by field teams and M&E staff.

Host country standards



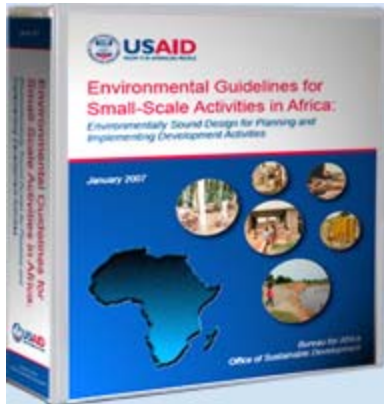
Sphere standards



Small-Scale Guidelines

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Well siting criteria from the *Small-Scale Guidelines*

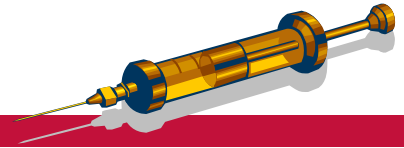


MINIMUM distances from potential sources of contamination for well siting:

- ❖ 45 m from a preparation or storage area for agrochemicals , fuels, or industrial chemicals.
- ❖ 25m from cesspools, leaching pits, and dry wells.
- ❖ 15m from a buried sewer, septic tank, subsurface disposal field, grave animal or poultry yard or building, latrine pit, or other contaminants that may drain into the soil.
- ❖ More than 45m from a septic tank leach field

Let's discuss some other examples:

Example 2: Health Services Capacity & Policy



“Capacity-building and policy development support to public health delivery & management systems must involve all feasible efforts to assure that these systems:

- ❖ address and support proper waste management (including handling, labeling, treatment, storage, transport and disposal of medical waste)
- ❖ address and support the capacity of medical facilities for waste management;
- ❖ prioritize environmental health considerations”

Requires identifying an appropriate waste management standard & specifying what is feasible, given that the project will not have direct control over these systems.

Example 3: Direct Financial or Technical Assistance to Agroprocessing Enterprises

“Existing enterprises/facilities receiving direct USAID support will be reviewed to identify any significant environmental management deficiencies and these deficiencies promptly corrected.”



Example 4: Strengthening Finance for Micro & Small Enterprises

Financial Institution capacity-building shall incorporate basic environmental due diligence concepts and development of appropriate due diligence processes, to include screening both for environmental compliance and for enterprises that represent high environmental risks.

