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| (1) Routine fiscal and administrative activities, <i>including administration of contracts.</i> | (1) Routine <i>personnel</i> , fiscal and administrative activities involving military and civilian personnel (e.g., recruiting processing, paying, and record keeping). | Modification of old # 1 – Moves “personnel” into new #10 |
| (2) Routine law and order activities performed by military personnel, military police, or other security personnel, including physical plant protection and security. | (8) Routine actions normally conducted to operate, protect, and maintain Navy-owned and/or controlled properties; e.g., maintaining law and order, physical plant protection by military police and security personnel, and <i>localized pest management</i> activities on improved and semi-improved lands conducted per applicable federal and state directives. | Modification of old #8 – Moves “pest management” to new #8 |
| (3) <i>Routine</i> use and operation of existing facilities, laboratories, and equipment. | (13) Contracts for activities conducted within established laboratories and plants to include contractor-operated laboratories and plants, within facilities where all airborne emissions, waterborne effluent, external radiation levels, outdoor noise, and solid and bulk waste disposal practices are in compliance with existing applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. | Modification of old #13 – New activities now addressed in new #17 |
| (4) Administrative studies, surveys, and data collection. | | New – used for collecting personnel studies, traffic counts, etc. |
| (5) Issuance or modification of administrative procedures, regulations, directives, manuals, or policy. | | New – used for issuing base/station/range orders |
| (6) Military ceremonies. | | New – for use when no permanent facilities required |

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| (7) Routine procurement of goods and services <i>conducted in accordance with applicable procurement regulations, executive orders, and policies.</i> | (10) Procurement activities that provide goods and support for routine operations. | Adds compliance with laws, EOs & regs |
| (8) Routine repair and maintenance of buildings, facilities, vessels, aircraft, and equipment associated with existing operations and activities (<i>e.g., localized pest management activities, minor erosion control measures, painting, refitting</i>). | (6) Routine repair and maintenance of existing facilities as equipment, to maintain existing operation and activities, including maintenance of improved and semi-improved grounds such as landscaping, lawn care, and minor erosion control measures. | Adds “pest management” to list |
| (9) Training of an administrative or classroom nature. | | New – for use of existing facilities |
| (10) Routine personnel actions. | (1) Routine personnel, fiscal and administrative activities involving military and civilian personnel (<i>e.g., recruiting, processing, paying, and record keeping</i>). and (2) Reductions in force when impacts are limited to socioeconomic factors. | Split out from old #1, incorporates old #11 – includes all personnel actions exclusive of BRAC related actions |
| (11) Routine movement of mobile assets (such as ships and aircraft) for homeport reassignments, for repair/overhaul, or to train/perform as operational groups where no new support facilities are required. | (3) Routine movement of mobile assets such as ships and aircraft, home port reassignments (when no new support facilities are required) to perform as operational groups, and/or for repair and overhaul. | Slight revision of old #3 – slight rewording to accent no facilities requirements |
| (12) Routine procurement, management, storage, handling, installation, and disposal of commercial items, where the items are used and handled in accordance with applicable regulations (<i>e.g., consumables, electronic components, computer equipment, pumps</i>). | | New – used for COTS purchases |

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| (13) Routine recreational/welfare activities. | (31) Approval of recreational activities that do not involve significant physical alteration of the environment or increase human disturbance in sensitive natural habitats and that do not occur in or adjacent to areas inhabited by endangered or threatened species. | Slight revision of old #31 – should be used the same as old #31 |
| (14) Alteration of and additions to existing <i>buildings, facilities, structures, vessels, aircraft, and equipment</i> to conform or provide conforming use specifically required by new or existing applicable legislation or regulations (<i>e.g.</i> , hush houses for aircraft engines, scrubbers for air emissions, improvements to storm water and sanitary and industrial wastewater collection and treatment systems, and installation of fire fighting equipment). | (7) Alteration of and additions to existing structures to conform or provide conforming use, specifically required by new or existing applicable legislation or regulations, <i>e.g.</i> hush houses for aircraft engines and scrubbers for air emissions. | Slight revision of old #7 – adds “buildings, facilities, vessels, aircraft and equipment” |
| (15) The modification of existing systems or equipment when the environmental effects will remain substantially the same and the use is consistent with applicable regulations. | | New – used when switching components. |
| (16) Routine movement, handling and distribution of materials, including hazardous materials/wastes that are moved, handled, or distributed in accordance with applicable regulations. | (14) Routine movement, handling, and distribution of materials, including Hazardous Materials and Hazardous wastes, that when moved, handled, or distributed are per applicable regulations. | Same as old #14 – should be used the same as old #14 |

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| (17) <i>New</i> activities conducted at established laboratories and plants (including contractor-operated laboratories and plants) where all airborne emissions, waterborne effluent, external ionizing and non-ionizing radiation levels, outdoor noise, and solid and bulk waste disposal practices are in compliance with existing applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. | (13) Contracts for activities conducted within established laboratories and plants to include contractor-operated laboratories and plants, within facilities where all airborne emissions, waterborne effluent, external radiation levels, outdoor noise, and solid and bulk waste disposal practices are in compliance with existing applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. | Slight revision of old #13 – used for “new” activities, existing activities covered by new #3 |
| (18) Studies, data, and information gathering that involve no permanent physical change to the environment (<i>e.g.</i> , topographic surveys, wetlands mapping, surveys for evaluating environmental damage, and engineering efforts to support environmental analyses). | (5) Studies, data, and information-gathering that involve no physical change to the environment; <i>e.g.</i> , topographic surveys, bird counts, wetland mapping, <i>forest inventories, and timber cruising.</i> <i>and</i> (26) Engineering effort undertaken to define the elements of a proposal or alternatives sufficiently so that the environmental effects may be assessed. | Combination of old #5 & #26 – “forest inventory & timber cruising” removed and “engineering efforts to support environmental analyses” added |
| (19) Temporary placement and use of simulated target fields (<i>e.g.</i> , inert mines, simulated mines, or passive hydrophones) in fresh, estuarine, and marine waters for the purpose of non-explosive military training exercises or research, development, test and evaluation. | | New – “temporary” connotes removal once exercise/testing is complete |
| (20) Installation and operation of passive scientific measurement devices (<i>e.g.</i> , antennae, tide gauges, weighted hydrophones, salinity measurement devices, and water quality measurement devices) where use will not result in changes in operations tempo and is consistent with applicable regulations. | | New – addresses permanent placement of data collection devices |

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| <p>(21) Short-term increases in air operations up to 50 percent of the typical operation rate, or increases of 50 operations per day, whichever is greater. Frequent use of this CATEX at an installation requires further analysis to determine there are no cumulative impacts.</p> | | <p>New – only CatEx with warning of use</p> |
| <p>(22) Decommissioning, disposal, or transfer of Navy <i>vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and equipment</i> when conducted in accordance with applicable regulations, including those regulations applying to removal of hazardous materials.</p> | <p>(12) Decisions to <i>close facilities</i>, decommission equipment, and/or temporarily discontinue use of facilities or equipment where such equipment is not used to prevent/control environmental impacts). This paragraph does not apply to permanent closure of public roads.</p> | <p>Modification of old #12 – specifically addresses mobile naval assets</p> |
| <p>(23) <i>Non-routine repair and renovation, and donation or other transfer</i> of structures, vessels, aircraft, vehicles, landscapes or other contributing elements of facilities listed or <i>eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places</i> which will result in no adverse effect.</p> | | <p>New – specifically addresses historic structures/districts</p> |
| <p>(24) Hosting or participating in public events (<i>e.g.</i>, air shows, open houses, Earth Day events, and athletic events) where no permanent changes to existing infrastructure (<i>e.g.</i>, road systems, parking and sanitation systems) are required to accommodate all aspects of the event.</p> | | <p>New – no permanent changes to existing infrastructure key to use</p> |

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| (25) Military training conducted on over nonmilitary land or water areas, where such training is consistent with the type and tempo of existing non-military airspace, land, and water use (e.g., night compass training, forced marches along trails, roads and highways, use of permanently established ranges, use of public waterways, or use of civilian airfields). | | New – training consistent with existing land use key to use |
| (26) Transfer of real property from DON to another military department or to another Federal agency. | (19) Transfer of real property from the Marine Corps to another military department or to another federal agency, and the granting of leases (<i>including leases granted pursuant to the agricultural out-leasing program where soil conservation plans are incorporated</i>), permits, and easements where there is no substantial change in land use or where subsequent land use would otherwise be categorically excluded. | Revision of old #19, incorporates old #23 – moves Ag lease to new #32 |
| (27) Receipt of property from another Federal agency when there is no anticipated or proposed substantial change in land use. | | New – no changes to land use key to use |
| (28) Minor land acquisitions or disposals where anticipated or proposed land use is similar to existing land use and zoning, both in type and intensity. | | New – useful for buffer land partnering |
| (29) Disposal of excess easement interests to the underlying fee owner. | (20) Disposal of excess easements interests to the underlying fee owner. | Same as old #20 – should be used the same as old #20 |

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| (30) Renewals and minor amendments of existing real estate grants for use of Government-owned real property where no significant change in land use is anticipated. | (21) Renewals and minor amendments of existing real estate grants for use of Government real property where no significant change in land use is anticipated. | Slight revision of old #17 – should be used the same way |
| (31) Land withdrawal continuances or extensions that merely establish time periods and where there is no significant change in land use. | (24) Land withdrawal continuances or extensions that merely establish time periods and where there is no significant change in land use. | Same as old #24 – should be used the same way as old #24 |
| (32) Renewals and/or initial real estate in grants and out grants involving existing facilities and land wherein use does not change significantly (<i>e.g.</i> , leasing of federally-owned or privately-owned housing or office space, and <i>agricultural out leases</i>). | (17) Renewals and/or initial real estate in-grants and out-grants involving existing facilities and land wherein the use does not change significantly. This includes, but is not limited to, existing federally-owned or privately-owned housing, office, storage, warehouse, and <i>laboratory and other special purpose space</i> . | Revision of old #21 – Ag lease added |
| (33) Grants of license, easement, or similar arrangements for the use of existing rights-of-way or incidental easements complementing the use of existing rights-of-way for use by vehicles (not to include significant increases in vehicle loading); electrical, telephone, and other transmission and communication lines; water, wastewater, storm water, and irrigation pipelines, pumping stations, and facilities; and for similar utility and transportation uses. | (18) Grants of license, easement, or similar arrangements for the use of existing rights-of-way or incidental easements complementing the use of existing rights-of-way for use by vehicles (not to include significant increases in vehicle loading); for electrical, telephone, and other transmission and communication lines; ‘or water, wastewater, storm water, and irrigation pipelines, pumping stations and facilities; and for similar utility and transportation uses. | Same as old #18 – should be used the same way as old #18 |

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| (34) New construction that is similar to existing land use and, when completed, the use or operation of which complies with existing regulatory requirements (<i>e.g., a building within a cantonment area</i> with associated discharges/runoff within existing handling capacities). | (9) New construction that is consistent with existing land use, and when completed, the use or operation of which complies with existing regulatory requirements and constraints; e.g., a building on a parking lot with associated discharges/runoffs within existing handling capacities, a bus stop along a roadway, and a foundation pad, or portable buildings within a building complex. | Slight revision of old #9 – specifies “cantonment area” in example |
| (35) Demolition, disposal, or improvements involving buildings or structures when done in accordance with applicable regulations including those regulations applying to removal of asbestos, PCBs, and other hazardous materials. | (15) Demolition, disposal, or improvements involving buildings or structures <i>not on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places</i> , and when per applicable regulations applying to removal of asbestos, polychlorinated byphenyls (PCB) and other hazardous materials. | Revision of old #15 – removes historic structures, which are now addressed in new #23 |
| (36) Acquisition, installation, and operation of utility (<i>e.g., water, sewer, electrical</i>) and communication systems (<i>e.g., data processing cable and similar electronic equipment</i>) which use existing right of way, easements, distribution systems, and/or facilities. | (16) Acquisition, installation, and operation of utility and communication systems, data processing cable, and similar electronic equipment that use existing rights of way, easements, distribution systems, and/or facilities. | Slight modification of old #16 – defines “utility” |
| (37) Decisions to close facilities, decommission equipment, and/or temporarily discontinue use of facilities or equipment, where the facility or equipment is not used to prevent/control environmental impacts). | (12) Decisions to close facilities, decommission equipment, and/or temporarily discontinue use of facilities or equipment where such equipment is not used to prevent/control environmental impacts). <i>This paragraph does not apply to permanent closure of public roads.</i> | Slight revision to old #12 removes closure of public roads |

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| (38) Maintenance dredging and debris disposal where no new depths are required, applicable permits are secured, and disposal will be at an approved disposal site. | (28) Maintenance dredging and debris disposal where no new depths are required, applicable permits are secured, and disposal will be at an approved disposal site. | Same – as old #28 should be used the same as old #28 |
| (39) Relocation of personnel into existing Federally-owned or commercially leased space that does not involve a substantial change affecting the supporting infrastructure (e.g., no increase in vehicular traffic beyond the capacity of the supporting road network to accommodate such an increase). | (4) Relocation of personnel into existing Federally-owned or commercially-leased space that does not involve a substantial change in the supporting infrastructure (an increase in vehicular traffic beyond the capacity of the supporting road network to accommodate such an increase). | Same as old #4 – should be used the same as old #4 |
| (40) Pre-lease <i>upland</i> exploration activities for oil, gas or geothermal reserves (e.g., geophysical surveys). | (22) Pre-lease exploration activities for oil, gas, or geothermal reserves; e.g., geophysical surveys. | Slight revision to old #22 – specifies “upland” |
| (41) Installation of devices to protect human or animal life (e.g., raptor electrocution prevention devices, fencing to restrict wildlife movement onto airfields, and fencing and grating to prevent accidental entry to hazardous areas). | (29) Installation of devices to protect human or animal life; e.g., raptor electrocution prevention devices, fencing to restrict wildlife movement onto airfields, and fencing and grating to prevent accidental entry to hazardous areas. | Same as old #29 – should be used the same way as old #29 |
| (42) Reintroduction of endemic or native species (other than endangered or threatened species) into their historic habitat when no substantial site preparation is involved. | (33) Reintroduction of endemic or native species (other than endangered or threatened species) into their historic habitat when no substantial site preparation is involved. | Same as old #33 – should be used the same way as old #33 |
| (43) Temporary closure of public access to DON property in order to protect human or animal life. | (25) Temporary closure of public access to military property to protect human or animal life. | Same as old #25 – should be used the same way as old #25 |

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| <p>(44) Routine testing and evaluation of military equipment on a military reservation or an established range, restricted area, or operating area; similar in type, intensity and setting, including physical location and time of year, to other actions for which it has been determined, through NEPA analysis where the DON was a lead or cooperating agency, that there are no significant impacts; and conducted in accordance with all applicable standard operating procedures protective of the environment.</p> | <p>(27) Actions that require the concurrence or approval of another federal agency where the action is a categorical exclusion of the other federal agency.</p> | <p>NEW – used for testing</p> |
| <p>(45) Routine military training associated with transits, maneuvering, safety and engineering drills, replenishments, flight operations, and weapons systems conducted at the unit or minor exercise level; similar in type, intensity and setting, including physical location and time of year, to other actions for which it has been determined, through NEPA analysis where the DON was a lead or cooperating agency, that there are no significant impacts; and conducted in accordance with all applicable standard operating procedures protective of the environment.</p> | <p>(27) Actions that require the concurrence or approval of another federal agency where the action is a categorical exclusion of the other federal agency.</p> | <p>NEW – used for training</p> |

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| | | <p>Deleted CatEx's</p> <p>Old # 30 & #32 – these addressed natural resources management undertaken in accordance with natural resources management plans and agreements. DON policy is to prepare EAs/EISs for INRMPs – no need for CatEx as INRMP actions already evaluated under NEPA.</p> |
| | <p>(11) Day-to-day manpower resource management and research activities that are per approved plans and interagency agreements, and that are designed to improve and/or upgrade the Marine Corps ability to manage those resources.</p> | <p>Gone – New #10</p> |
| | <p>(23) Return of public domain lands to the Department of the Interior.</p> | <p>Gone – New #26 – Transfer to Federal Agency</p> |
| | <p>(30) Natural resources management actions undertaken or permitted pursuant to agreement with or subject to regulation by federal, state, or local organizations having management responsibility and authority over the natural resources in question, including hunting or fishing during hunting or fishing seasons established by State authorities pursuant to their State fish and game management laws. With regard to natural resources regulations by another federal agency, the responsible command may cooperate in any environmental analysis that may be required by the other agency's regulations.</p> | <p>Gone – Covered by Sikes Act</p> |
| | <p>(32) Routine maintenance of timber stands, including issuance of down-wood firewood permits, hazardous tree removal, and sanitation salvage.</p> | <p>Gone – Covered by Sikes Act</p> |