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Hi Everyone –

The Navy is considering declining the request to be a cooperating agency and instead be a participating agency. What do they need to say in their response letter? I reviewed some old (1992) FHWA guidance on cooperating agencies and it said that if an agency declines, it also needs to respond in writing that under its own NEPA regulations, a separate EIS will not be required in conjunction with its action. Does FTA also require this?

In addition, do all letters that decline the request to be cooperating agencies need to be sent to the Council on Environmental Quality?

Will FTA be following up with the other agencies that did not respond to the request to be cooperating agencies?

Your guidance in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

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