



APD
Process Improvement
Comprehensive Strategies
for
Fluid Minerals Development

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The background of the slide is a photograph of an oil drilling site in a desert. A tall drilling rig is the central focus, with a white pickup truck and an orange excavator nearby. The terrain is arid and sandy, with some sparse vegetation. The text is overlaid on this image in a white, bold, serif font.

APD - Process Improvement

#1- - Comprehensive Strategies

Instruction Memorandum No. 2003-152

A Toolbox of Strategies

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- 1. Multiple APD Package with Master Drilling Plan**
- 2. Geographic Area Development Plan**
- 3. Standard Operating Practice (SOP) Agreement**
- 4. Geographic Area NEPA**

APD - Process Improvement #3 - - Cultural Resources

Instruction Memorandum No. 2003-147

- 1. Recommend cultural resource “block” surveys, in most situations**
 - 2. Have cultural surveys completed earlier in the process.**
 - 3. Support cultural resources data sharing and regional synthesis and modeling initiatives.**
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- A man in a white short-sleeved shirt and dark trousers is walking across a dry, open field. He is looking down at the ground, possibly examining something. The field is sparsely vegetated with dry grass and small shrubs. In the background, there are more fields and some trees under a cloudy sky. A black fence post is visible on the left side of the frame.

APD Process Improvement Strategies Self-Assessment

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- Implementation?
- Non-implementation?
- Results?



Were the Strategies Implemented

Implementation Initiation								
State	Office	Comprehensive Strategies				Cultural Recommendations		
		MDP	GADP	SOPA	GA-NEPA	Block	Timing	Sharing
AK	Anch	No	No	No	Limited	No	No	No
CA	Bak	Full	Full	Limited	Full	Full	Full	Full
CO	GJFO	Full	Full	Limited	Full	Limited	Limited	Limited
CO	GSFO	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
CO	KFO	Full	Full	No	Full	Full	Full	Limited
CO	LSFO	Full	No	No	No	Limited	Limited	Limited
CO	RGFO	Full	Full	Limited	Full	Limited	Limited	Limited
CO	SJPLC	Full	Full	Limited	Full	Limited	Limited	Limited
CO	UFO	No	Full	No	Full	No	Limited	Limited
CO	WRFO	Full	Limited	No	Full	Limited	Full	Limited
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ES	Mil	Limited						Limited
MT	GFFS	Limited	Limited	No	Limited			
MT	MC	Limited	Limited	No	Full			
MT	ND	No	No	No	No			

Summary – Mixed Results

- **In Some areas**

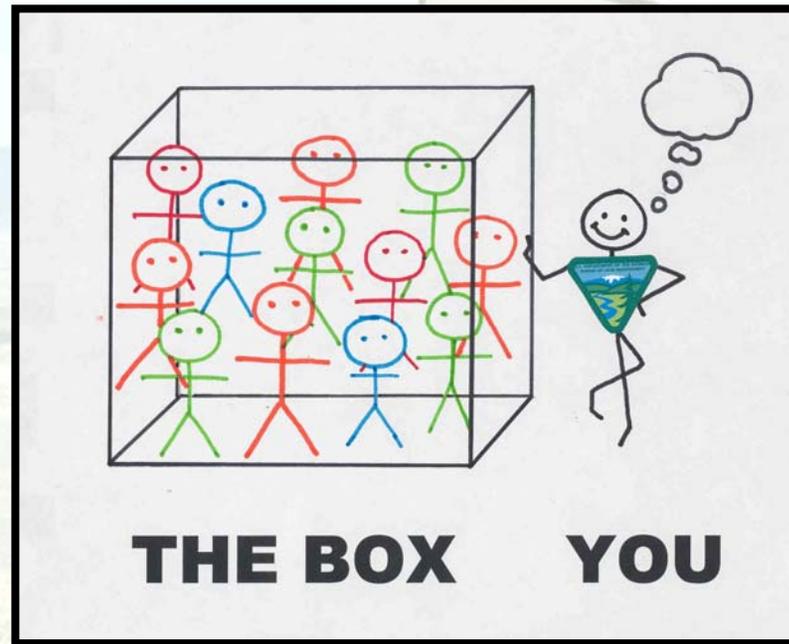
- They are utilized where appropriate and result in:

- Reduced workload
- Reduced processing time.

- **In other areas**

- It seems impractical for the situation.
- It is difficult to get internal or external buy-in.

Keep in Mind: It is a toolbox of strategies



Experiment.

To increase efficiency, use what works best for your situation.

The 35-day APD - A Success Story

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CO	KFO	Full	Full	No	Full	Full	Full	Limit ed

1. **Pre-Application Planning Meeting** with the Operator
2. Professional **Permitting Agent**
3. **Notice of Staking, Cultural Survey Completed**
4. **Onsite** – Discuss the Perfect APD Package **with BMPs**
5. Perfect **Multiple APD package** with Master Drilling Plan
6. **One Environmental Assessment** for all wells
7. One surface use Condition of Approval – Standard Cultural

