

Web-Based Information on NEPA Implementation

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) provides broad overarching guidance to Federal agencies to enhance and improve NEPA implementation. The CEQ has undertaken extensive efforts to modernize NEPA implementation and provide an environmental analysis process that better fits with contemporary thinking on decision-making, collaboration, and adaptive management. You may access the CEQ website for information on these and other topics related to NEPA compliance at <http://www.nepa.gov/>.

The Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEPC) provides national and regional leadership and direction in the coordination and development of environmental policy and program evaluation within the Department. You may access information on current OEPC guidance for compliance with existing environmental statutes, Executive Orders, regulations, the distribution and review of environmental documents, and other NEPA compliance requirements for DOI bureaus and offices on the following OEPC websites: <http://oepc.doi.gov/memo.cfm?type=ESM> and <http://www.doi.gov/oepc/ememoranda.html>. Information on using adaptive management to enhance environmental planning and NEPA decision-making can be found at www.doi.gov/initiatives/AdaptiveManagement/index.html.

The DOI Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR) also provides information and on-line training on consensus building and improving public participation in agency decision-making, which can be useful in facilitating public involvement in the NEPA process. Visit <http://mits.doi.gov/cadr/main/main.cfm> for further information.

Finally, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website is a good source of information concerning the processing of NEPA documents. EPA is responsible for determining the adequacy of environmental impact statements (EIS) and for carrying out the administrative aspects of filing NEPA documents with the Federal Register. The EPA "Notice of Availability" is the official start of the public comment period required by the CEQ regulations for all EISs. In addition, EPA's Office of Federal Activities maintains a national database of all EISs prepared by Federal agencies. Information on EPA's EIS filing procedures, obtaining copies of published environmental documents, and related NEPA compliance information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/index.html>.