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## Fact Sheet: CEQ'S Draft NEPA Guidance on Consideration of GHG Emissions

On June 21, 2019, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) submitted [draft guidance](#) titled “Draft National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA] Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas [GHG] Emissions,” to the *Federal Register* for publication and public comment.

### Background:

- NEPA requires Federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of proposed major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.
- On March 28, 2017, President Trump issued [Executive Order \(EO\) 13783, “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth,”](#) which directed CEQ to rescind the [final guidance](#) issued August 5, 2016, titled “Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of [GHG] Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in [NEPA] Reviews.”
- CEQ [withdrew this guidance](#) on April 5, 2017 for further consideration and is issuing its draft guidance for public comment.
- CEQ’s draft guidance seeks to assist Federal agencies in their consideration of GHG emissions when evaluating proposed major Federal actions in accordance with NEPA, and to facilitate more timely environmental reviews and permitting decisions for infrastructure projects requiring Federal agency approvals.

### Request for Public Comment:

- CEQ requests comment on the draft guidance. Comments should be submitted on or before August 26, 2019.
- To comment, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0002.
  - Comments may also be submitted by mail to:

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730 Jackson Place NW  
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Attn: Docket No. CEQ-2019-0002

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