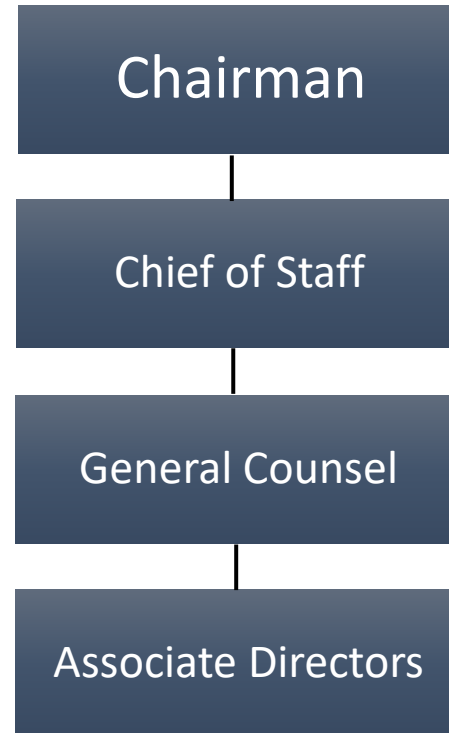
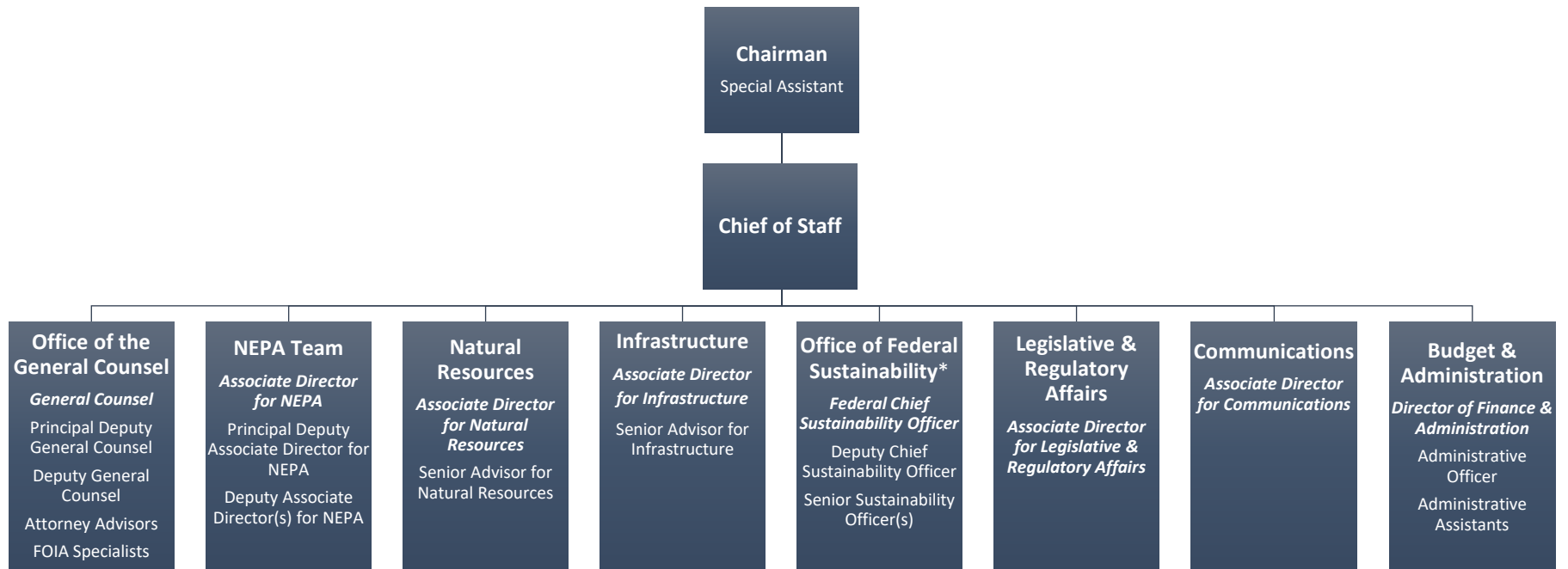


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The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provided that CEQ be comprised of three full-time Senate confirmed Council members, one of whom the President designates as Chairman. *See* 42 U.S.C. 4342. Over the past two decades, Congress has included provisions in enacted appropriations legislation stating that CEQ shall consist of one member, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, serving as Chairman and exercising all powers, functions, and duties of the Council. *See, e.g.,* Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. 116-94; *see also* 42 U.S.C. 4342, note (Council on Environmental Quality, Reduction in Members). The Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations have all nominated one Member that, upon confirmation, has been designated as Chairman with all authorities and responsibilities. In addition, the Chairman also serves as the Director of the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) pursuant to the Environmental Quality Improvement Act (EQIA). EQIA also provides for a presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed Deputy Director of OEQ, however, that position has typically not been filled.

Council on Environmental Quality Organizational Chart



*** The Office of Federal Sustainability (OFS) is housed within CEQ and is staffed by EPA employees. Executive Order 13834 provides that OFS shall be headed by a Federal Chief Sustainability Officer designated by the President.**