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**To:** "Aaron L. EOP/CEQ Szabo (b) (6)" <(b) (6)>

**Date:** Wed, 28 Feb 2018 13:55:33 -0500

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**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**40 CFR Part 1500**

**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the semiannual agenda of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules scheduled for review or development between Spring 2018 and Spring 2019. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** All agency contacts are located at the Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct all comments and inquiries about these rules to the appropriate agency contact. Please direct general comments relating to the agenda to Aaron L. Szabo, at the address above or at (202) 395-5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With this publication, CEQ meets the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that CEQ publish an agenda of rules that CEO has issued or expects to issue and of currently effective rules that CEQ has scheduled for review. Additionally, CEO meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year, as necessary, identifying rules that may have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. The complete Unified Agenda will be published at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov), in a format that offers users enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database. Agenda information is also available

[APG]

at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), the government-wide website for submission of comments on proposed regulations.

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Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
001	Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act	0331-AA03

Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
002	Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Regulations Update	0331-AA02

**001. UPDATE TO THE REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

[APG]

**Priority:** Other Significant

**EO 13771 Designation:** Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

**CFR Citation:** 40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** On August 15, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13807, titled "Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environment Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure." Section 5(e) of Executive Order 13807 directed the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to develop an initial list of actions it will take to enhance and modernize the Federal environmental review and authorization process. CEQ published its initial list of actions in the Federal Register on September 14, 2017 (82 FR 43226) and stated that CEQ intends to review existing CEQ regulations implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act in order to identify changes needed to update and clarify those regulations. The regulations were issued in 1978 and one section was amended in 1986. While CEQ has issued memoranda and guidance documents over the years, CEQ believes it is appropriate at this time to consider updating the implementing regulations.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/18	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

**Federalism:** Undetermined

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**Agency Contact:** Ted A. Boling, Associate Director for NEPA

**Phone:** 202-395-5750

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**002. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Regulations Update**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**EO 13771 Designation:** Not subject to, not significant

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552 *et seq.*, 5 U.S.C. 552a

**CFR Citation:** 40 CFR 1515 to 1516

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is developing a proposal to revise its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations, in order to comply with the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016; to reflect CEQ's business process; and to correct or remove obsolete information. CEQ is also revising its Privacy Act implementation regulations due to changes of address and other administrative issues.

**Timetable:**

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NPRM	07/00/18	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

[APG]

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Viktoria Z. Seale, Deputy General Counsel

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Also, Howard or Angela as Federal Register Liaison Officers need to sign the attached Billing Letter on CEQ letterhead and that will also need to be hand delivered with the Spring 2018 Agenda.

Thank you very much and please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

**Aaron L. Szabo**  
Senior Counsel  
Council on Environmental Quality

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**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**40 CFR Part 1500**

**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the semiannual agenda of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) rules scheduled for review or development between Spring 2018 and Spring 2019. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** All agency contacts are located at the Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct all comments and inquiries about these rules to the appropriate agency contact. Please direct general comments relating to the agenda to Aaron L. Szabo, at the address above or at (202) 395-5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With this publication, CEQ meets the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that CEQ publish an agenda of rules that CEO has issued or expects to issue and of currently effective rules that CEQ has scheduled for review. Additionally, CEO meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year, as necessary, identifying rules that may have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. The complete Unified Agenda will be published at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov), in a format that offers users enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database. Agenda information is also available

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at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), the government-wide website for submission of comments on proposed regulations.

Mary Neumayr  
Chief of Staff,  
Council on Environmental Quality

Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
001	Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act	0331-AA03

Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
002	Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Regulations Update	0331-AA02

**001. UPDATE TO THE REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

[APG]

**Priority:** Other Significant

**EO 13771 Designation:** Undetermined

**Legal Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*

**CFR Citation:** 40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** On August 15, 2017, President Trump issued Executive Order 13807, titled “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environment Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure.” Section 5(e) of Executive Order 13807 directed the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to develop an initial list of actions it will take to enhance and modernize the Federal environmental review and authorization process. CEQ published its initial list of actions in the Federal Register on September 14, 2017 (82 FR 43226) and stated that CEQ intends to review existing CEQ regulations implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act in order to identify changes needed to update and clarify those regulations. The regulations were issued in 1978 and one section was amended in 1986. While CEQ has issued memoranda and guidance documents over the years, CEQ believes it is appropriate at this time to consider updating the implementing regulations.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/00/18	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** Undetermined

**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

**Federalism:** Undetermined

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**Agency Contact:** Ted A. Boling, Associate Director for NEPA

Phone: 202-395-5750

Email: (b) (6)

**RIN:** 0331-AA03

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**002. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act Regulations Update**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**EO 13771 Designation:** Not subject to, not significant

**Legal Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552 *et seq.*, 5 U.S.C. 552a

**CFR Citation:** 40 CFR 1515 to 1516

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is developing a proposal to revise its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations, in order to comply with the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016; to reflect CEQ's business process; and to correct or remove obsolete information. CEQ is also revising its Privacy Act implementation regulations due to changes of address and other administrative issues.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/18	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

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**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Agency Contact:** Viktoria Z. Seale, Deputy General Counsel

**Phone:** (b) (6) [REDACTED]

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## ANPRM comments attached

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**Date:** Mon, 14 May 2018 10:23:00 -0400  
**Attachments:** EO12866 Review CEQ NEPA ANPRM - 5-14-2018 (two revisions and URL).docx (46.61 kB)

The version attached proposes corrections to (b) (5)

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**From:** Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/CEQ  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018 10:20 AM  
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**Subject:** FOR AWARENESS: Version of CEQ ANPRM on NEPA Provided for Interagency Review

All,

Please find attached for your awareness, the version of the CEQ Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that was sent to OIRA for interagency review. This is a pre-decisional document and should not be shared. If members from other agencies have not received the document, please let me know and ask them to work through their agency's OIRA point of contact. Please do not send this document directly to anyone else to ensure version control.

Thank you very much and please let me know if you have any questions.

**Aaron L. Szabo**

Senior Counsel  
Council on Environmental Quality

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## CEQ ANPRM: EPA Comments

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**Date:** Thu, 24 May 2018 09:06:10 -0400  
**Attachments:** EPA Cmnts - CEQ NEPA ANPRM - 23 May 2018.docx (53.53 kB)

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All,

Please find attached EPA's comments on the CEQ ANPRM. I am thinking about scheduling a meeting sometime today or tomorrow morning to discuss.

Thanks.

**Aaron L. Szabo**  
Senior Counsel  
Council on Environmental Quality

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## CEQ Federal NEPA Contacts Webinar

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Where: Webinar: (b) (6)

When: Wed Jun 20 15:00:00 2018 (America/New\_York)

Until: Wed Jun 20 16:30:00 2018 (America/New\_York)

Organiser: FN-CEQ-NEPA </o=exchange organization/ou=exchange administrative group (fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=3dfc5ad8035346949f6dddfa1953a47-fn">

Required Attendees:

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Good afternoon Federal NEPA Contacts,

In advance of tomorrow's webinar, we have updated the tele-conference participant code (correct code is (b) (6)). Please find attached 1) a meeting agenda for tomorrow's webinar, 2) a slide deck for those unable to join the webinar, 3) instructions for joining the webinar, 4) the pre-publication version of the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the CEQ NEPA Regulations, and 5) a Report from the Federal Forum on Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution.

Lastly, please take a moment to review your agency's NEPA Contact listed here: <https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/nepa-practice/2018-Federal-NEPA-contacts-and-websites-2018-06-15.pdf> and provide any necessary updates via email to [NEPA@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:NEPA@ceq.eop.gov)

Sincerely,

The CEQ NEPA Team

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CEQ will host the Summer Meeting of the Federal NEPA Contacts via webinar on Wednesday, June 20 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm EDT.

Conference number and webinar URL are provided below. An agenda will be provided in advance of the meeting along with a PDF of the webinar slides for those unable to join the webinar.

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Conference Number (Toll Free): (b) (6)

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# Council on Environmental Quality

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## *Federal NEPA Contacts Webinar*



*Wednesday, June 20, 2018  
3:00-4:30pm*

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# Questions?

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**Welcome**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was enacted to "declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality." (Sec. 2 [42 U.S. Code § 4321])

NEPA is our basic national charter for protection of the environment. It establishes policy, sets goals (section 101), and provides means (section 102) for carrying out the policy. Section 102 (2) contains "action forcing" provisions to make sure that federal agencies act according to the letter and spirit of the Act.

President Nixon signed NEPA into law on January 1, 1970. NEPA set forth a bold new vision for America. Acknowledging the decades of environmental neglect that had significantly degraded the nation's landscape and damaged the human environment, the law was established to foster and promote the general welfare, to create and maintain conditions under which

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**COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**40 CFR Parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508**

**[Docket No. CEQ-2018-0001]**

**RIN: 0331-AA03**

**Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

**ACTION:** Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is considering updating its implementing regulations for the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Over the past four decades, CEQ has issued numerous guidance documents but has amended its regulations substantively only once. Given the length of time since its NEPA implementing regulations were issued, CEQ solicits public comment on potential revisions to update the regulations and ensure a more efficient, timely, and effective NEPA process consistent with the national environmental policy stated in NEPA.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number CEQ-2018-0001 through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward A. Boling, Associate Director for the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq., was enacted in 1970. NEPA states that “it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government, in cooperation with State and local governments, and other concerned public and private organizations, to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to foster and promote the general welfare, to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans.” 42 U.S.C. § 4331(a). NEPA also established CEQ as an agency within the Executive Office of the President. 42 U.S.C. § 4342.

By Executive Order (E.O.) 11514, “Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality” (March 5, 1970), President Nixon directed CEQ in Section 3(h) to issue “guidelines to Federal agencies for the preparation of detailed statements on proposals for legislation and other Federal actions affecting the environment, as required by section 102(2)(C) of the Act.” CEQ published these guidelines in April of 1970 and revised them in 1973.

President Carter issued E.O. 11991 (May 24, 1977), “Relating to Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality,” which amended Section 3(h) of E.O. 11514 to direct CEQ to issue regulations providing uniform standards for the implementation of

NEPA, and amended Section 2 of E.O. 11514 to require agency compliance with the CEQ regulations. CEQ promulgated its “Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act” (CEQ’s NEPA regulations) at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. 43 FR 55978 (November 29, 1978). Since that time, CEQ has amended its NEPA regulations substantively only once, to eliminate the “worst case” analysis requirement of 40 CFR 1502.22. 51 FR 15618 (April 25, 1986).

On August 15, 2017, President Trump issued E.O. 13807, “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects.” 82 FR 40463 (August 24, 2017). Section 5(e) of E.O. 13807 directed CEQ to develop an initial list of actions to enhance and modernize the Federal environmental review and authorization process. In response, CEQ published its initial list of actions pursuant to E.O. 13807 and stated that it intends to review its existing NEPA regulations in order to identify changes needed to update and clarify these regulations. 82 FR 43226 (September 14, 2017).

## **II. Request for Comment**

CEQ requests comments on potential revisions to update and clarify CEQ NEPA regulations. In particular, CEQ requests comments on the following specific aspects of these regulations, and requests that commenters include question numbers when providing responses. Where possible, please provide specific recommendations on additions, deletions, and modifications to the text of CEQ’s NEPA regulations and their justifications.

### ***NEPA Process:***

1. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure that environmental reviews and authorization decisions involving multiple agencies are conducted in a manner that is concurrent, synchronized, timely, and efficient, and if so, how?
2. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to make the NEPA process more efficient by better facilitating agency use of environmental studies, analysis, and decisions conducted in earlier Federal, State, tribal or local environmental reviews or authorization decisions, and if so, how?
3. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure optimal interagency coordination of environmental reviews and authorization decisions, and if so, how?

***Scope of NEPA Review:***

4. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations that relate to the format and page length of NEPA documents and time limits for completion be revised, and if so, how?
5. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to provide greater clarity to ensure NEPA documents better focus on significant issues that are relevant and useful to decisionmakers and the public, and if so, how?
6. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to public involvement be revised to be more inclusive and efficient, and if so, how?
7. Should definitions of any key NEPA terms in CEQ's NEPA regulations, such as those listed below, be revised, and if so, how?
  - a. Major Federal Action;
  - b. Effects;

- c. Cumulative Impact;
  - d. Significantly;
  - e. Scope; and
  - f. Other NEPA terms.
8. Should any new definitions of key NEPA terms, such as those noted below, be added, and if so, which terms?
- a. Alternatives;
  - b. Purpose and Need;
  - c. Reasonably Foreseeable;
  - d. Trivial Violation; and
  - e. Other NEPA terms.
9. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to any of the types of documents listed below be revised, and if so, how?
- a. Notice of Intent;
  - b. Categorical Exclusions Documentation;
  - c. Environmental Assessments;
  - d. Findings of No Significant Impact;
  - e. Environmental Impact Statements;
  - f. Records of Decision; and
  - g. Supplements.
10. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the timing of agency action be revised, and if so, how?

11. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to agency responsibility and the preparation of NEPA documents by contractors and project applicants be revised, and if so, how?
12. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to programmatic NEPA documents and tiering be revised, and if so, how?
13. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the appropriate range of alternatives in NEPA reviews and which alternatives may be eliminated from detailed analysis be revised, and if so, how?

***General:***

14. Are any provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations currently obsolete? If so, please provide specific recommendations on whether they should be modified, rescinded, or replaced.
15. Which provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations can be updated to reflect new technologies that can be used to make the process more efficient?
16. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to promote coordination of environmental review and authorization decisions, such as combining NEPA analysis and other decision documents, and if so, how?
17. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the implementation of NEPA, and if so, how?
18. Are there ways in which the role of tribal governments in the NEPA process should be clarified in CEQ's NEPA regulations, and if so, how?

19. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to ensure that agencies apply NEPA in a manner that reduces unnecessary burdens and delays as much as possible, and if so, how?

20. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations related to mitigation should be revised, and if so, how?

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4332, 4342, 4344 and 40 CFR Parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508)

### **III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews**

Under E.O. 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," 58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993), this is a "significant regulatory action." Accordingly, CEQ submitted this action to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under E.O. 12866 and any changes made in response to OMB recommendations have been documented in the docket for this action. Because this action does not propose or impose any requirements, and instead seeks comments and suggestions for CEQ to consider in possibly developing a subsequent proposed rule, the various statutes and executive orders that normally apply to rulemaking do not apply in this case. If CEQ decides in the future to pursue a rulemaking, CEQ will address the statutes and executive orders applicable to that rulemaking at that time.

Mary B. Neumayr,

*Chief of Staff, Council on Environmental Quality.*

[FR Doc. 2018-13246 Filed: 6/19/2018 8:45 am; Publication Date: 6/20/2018]

# Federal NEPA Contacts Webinar

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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# ANPRM Final

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Mary,

I've attached a redline and a clean version for final suggested edits.

Thanks,

Katherine Smith  
Special Assistant  
Council on Environmental Quality  
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## CEQ ANPRM

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**Date:** Fri, 15 Jun 2018 14:03:46 -0400  
**Attachments:** 2017 DOE NEPA Stakeholders Directory (2017-07-21).pdf (415.82 kB)

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Would the attached be helpful? (If yes, I'd be happy to ask Brian on the status of the 2018 update.)

See Nongovernmental Organizations starting on page 24.

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Yardena Mansoor  
Deputy Associate Director for NEPA  
Council on Environmental Quality  
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**Date:** Mon, 18 Jun 2018 11:45:45 -0400

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Dan – If all goes according to plan, here’s the draft email that I plan to send when the ANPRM appears in the Federal Register reading room tomorrow:

Dear Colleagues,

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has submitted an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) titled “Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act” to the *Federal Register* for publication and public comment. As a respected member of the NEPA community, I want to ensure that you are engaged early in the process as CEQ begins this undertaking.

I’ve attached a copy of the ANPRM for your reference. The official version will publish in the *Federal Register*. The ANPRM asks a series of 20 questions on the NEPA process, the scope of NEPA review, and other areas of interest related to NEPA. CEQ requests comment on potential revisions to update and clarify CEQ’s NEPA regulations. Comments should be submitted on or before [DATE] and should be submitted through <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. CEQ-2018-0001.

Sincerely,  
Ted

Edward A. Boling  
Associate Director for the  
National Environmental Policy Act  
Council on Environmental Quality  
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Viktoria,  
Just fyi. Thanks,  
Mary

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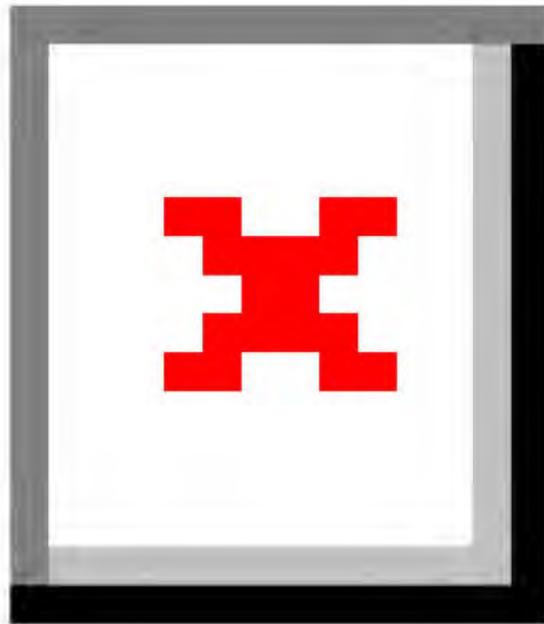
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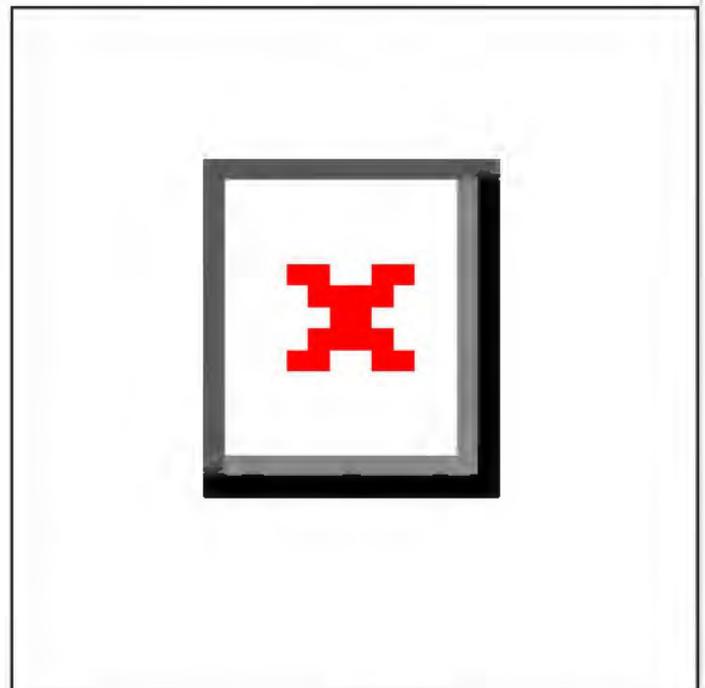
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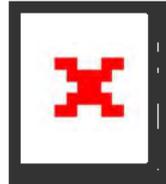
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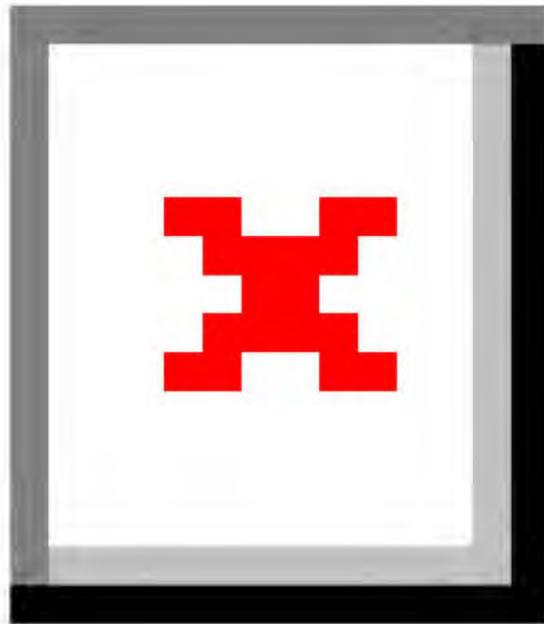
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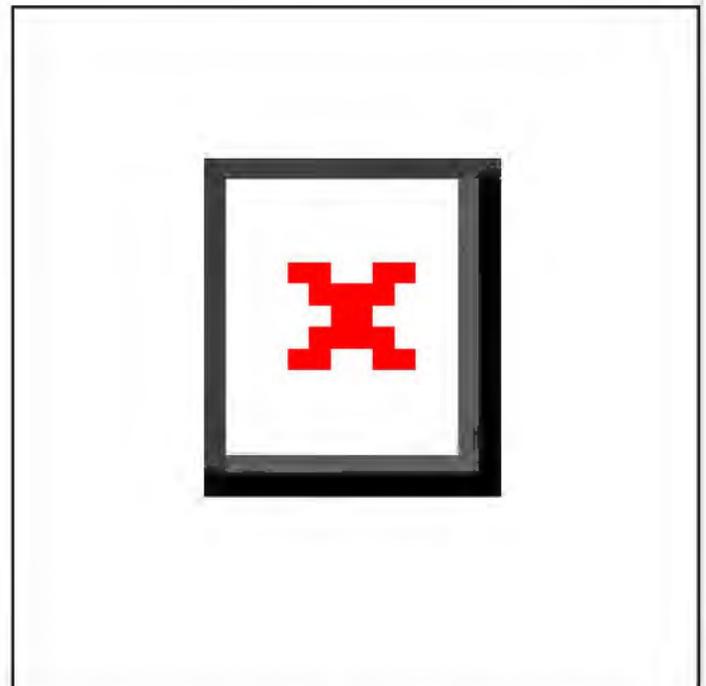
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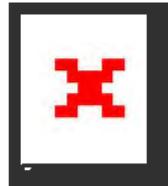
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**ACTION:** Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is considering updating its implementing regulations for the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Over the past four decades, CEQ has issued numerous guidance documents but has amended its regulations substantively only once. Given the length of time since its NEPA implementing regulations were issued, CEQ solicits public comment on potential revisions to update the regulations and ensure a more efficient, timely, and effective NEPA process consistent with the national environmental policy stated in NEPA.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number CEQ-2018-0001 through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward A. Boling, Associate Director for the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20503. Telephone: (202) 395-5750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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## **II. Request for Comment**

CEQ requests comments on potential revisions to update and clarify CEQ NEPA regulations. In particular, CEQ requests comments on the following specific aspects of these regulations, and requests that commenters include question numbers when providing responses. Where possible, please provide specific recommendations on additions, deletions, and modifications to the text of CEQ’s NEPA regulations and their justifications.

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## First article I've found - previewing the ANOPR

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<https://www.ogj.com/articles/print/volume-116/issue-6b/general-interest/watching-government-blm-issues-nepa-memo.html>

The policy memo is at <https://www.blm.gov/policy/ib-2018-061>.

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NEPA, and amended Section 2 of E.O. 11514 to require agency compliance with the CEQ regulations. CEQ promulgated its “Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act” (CEQ’s NEPA regulations) at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. 43 FR 55978 (November 29, 1978). Since that time, CEQ has amended its NEPA regulations substantively only once, to eliminate the “worst case” analysis requirement of 40 CFR 1502.22. 51 FR 15618 (April 25, 1986).

On August 15, 2017, President Trump issued E.O. 13807, “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects.” 82 FR 40463 (August 24, 2017). Section 5(e) of E.O. 13807 directed CEQ to develop an initial list of actions to enhance and modernize the Federal environmental review and authorization process. In response, CEQ published its initial list of actions pursuant to E.O. 13807 and stated that it intends to review its existing NEPA regulations in order to identify changes needed to update and clarify these regulations. 82 FR 43226 (September 14, 2017).

## **II. Request for Comment**

CEQ requests comments on potential revisions to update and clarify CEQ NEPA regulations. In particular, CEQ requests comments on the following specific aspects of these regulations, and requests that commenters include question numbers when providing responses. Where possible, please provide specific recommendations on additions, deletions, and modifications to the text of CEQ’s NEPA regulations and their justifications.

### ***NEPA Process:***

1. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure that environmental reviews and authorization decisions involving multiple agencies are conducted in a manner that is concurrent, synchronized, timely, and efficient, and if so, how?
2. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to make the NEPA process more efficient by better facilitating agency use of environmental studies, analysis, and decisions conducted in earlier Federal, State, tribal or local environmental reviews or authorization decisions, and if so, how?
3. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure optimal interagency coordination of environmental reviews and authorization decisions, and if so, how?

***Scope of NEPA Review:***

4. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations that relate to the format and page length of NEPA documents and time limits for completion be revised, and if so, how?
5. Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to provide greater clarity to ensure NEPA documents better focus on significant issues that are relevant and useful to decisionmakers and the public, and if so, how?
6. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to public involvement be revised to be more inclusive and efficient, and if so, how?
7. Should definitions of any key NEPA terms in CEQ's NEPA regulations, such as those listed below, be revised, and if so, how?
  - a. Major Federal Action;
  - b. Effects;

- c. Cumulative Impact;
  - d. Significantly;
  - e. Scope; and
  - f. Other NEPA terms.
8. Should any new definitions of key NEPA terms, such as those noted below, be added, and if so, which terms?
- a. Alternatives;
  - b. Purpose and Need;
  - c. Reasonably Foreseeable;
  - d. Trivial Violation; and
  - e. Other NEPA terms.
9. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to any of the types of documents listed below be revised, and if so, how?
- a. Notice of Intent;
  - b. Categorical Exclusions Documentation;
  - c. Environmental Assessments;
  - d. Findings of No Significant Impact;
  - e. Environmental Impact Statements;
  - f. Records of Decision; and
  - g. Supplements.
10. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the timing of agency action be revised, and if so, how?

11. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to agency responsibility and the preparation of NEPA documents by contractors and project applicants be revised, and if so, how?
12. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to programmatic NEPA documents and tiering be revised, and if so, how?
13. Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the appropriate range of alternatives in NEPA reviews and which alternatives may be eliminated from detailed analysis be revised, and if so, how?

***General:***

14. Are any provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations currently obsolete? If so, please provide specific recommendations on whether they should be modified, rescinded, or replaced.
15. Which provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations can be updated to reflect new technologies that can be used to make the process more efficient?
16. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to promote coordination of environmental review and authorization decisions, such as combining NEPA analysis and other decision documents, and if so, how?
17. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the implementation of NEPA, and if so, how?
18. Are there ways in which the role of tribal governments in the NEPA process should be clarified in CEQ's NEPA regulations, and if so, how?

19. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to ensure that agencies apply NEPA in a manner that reduces unnecessary burdens and delays as much as possible, and if so, how?

20. Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations related to mitigation should be revised, and if so, how?

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4332, 4342, 4344 and 40 CFR Parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508)

### **III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews**

Under E.O. 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," 58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993), this is a "significant regulatory action." Accordingly, CEQ submitted this action to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under E.O. 12866 and any changes made in response to OMB recommendations have been documented in the docket for this action. Because this action does not propose or impose any requirements, and instead seeks comments and suggestions for CEQ to consider in possibly developing a subsequent proposed rule, the various statutes and executive orders that normally apply to rulemaking do not apply in this case. If CEQ decides in the future to pursue a rulemaking, CEQ will address the statutes and executive orders applicable to that rulemaking at that time.

Mary B. Neumayr,

*Chief of Staff, Council on Environmental Quality.*

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# Preview of ANPR responses so far -- more extension requests

**From:** "Mansoor, Yardena M. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>  
**To:** "Drummond, Michael R. EOP/CEQ" (b) (6); "Neumayr, Mary B. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** "Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/CEQ" (b) (6); "Smith, Katherine R. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>; "Seale, Viktoria Z. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Thu, 28 Jun 2018 16:27:21 -0400

Thought I'd give you a preview. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

There are seven extension requests so far, one of which represents >350 NGOs. All request a 60-day extension; three also request public hearings, one requests a mail option for commenting (to provide access to individuals without internet access).

**Notes:**

- **Log:** For comments on reg.gov, these are the docket numbers; for others, I'm assigning numbers chronologically.
- **Name:** For comments submitted as an attachment, the name is the signer, not necessarily the uploader into reg.gov who is listed on the regs.gov comment folder.
- **In Scope:** "General" signifies support or opposition to revising the CEQ regulations, etc. "Yes" submittals address specific question from the ANPR and are tallied by question in columns to the right (not shown here).
- **Overview/Notable:** This is a high-level characterization, not necessarily using the commentor's wording.

Number of Responses				28	28
Log	Mode	Organization / Name	Posted/Rcd	In Scope?	Overview/Notable
0017	Portal	Env. Law & Policy Center, Howard Learner	20-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60 day extension, public hearings
0023	Portal	Assn. of Metr. Water Agencies, Diane VanDe Hei; American Water Works Assoc., Tracy Mehan	26-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60-day extension
0026	Portal	Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers, Natalie Mamerow	28-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60-day extension
0027	Portal	Russell Hodin	28-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60 day extension, public forums, mail option for

0028	Portal	Western Urban Water Coalition, Michael Carlin	28-Jun-2018	Extension	commenting Requests 60-day extension
E-0001	Email	The Partnership Project (353 orgs.)	25-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60-day extension, public hearings
E-0002	Email	The Nature Conservancy, Karen Onley	26-Jun-2018	Extension	Requests 60-day extension
0006	Portal	Thomas King	25-Jun-2018	General	Objects to questions; re-imagine NEPA from scratch
0007	Portal	John Roberts	25-Jun-2018	General	Do not make changes
0009	Portal	Rue Eich	25-Jun-2018	General	Do not make changes
0013	Portal	Anonymous Anonymous	25-Jun-2018	General	Save all environmental protection provisions
0015	Portal	Judith Konig	25-Jun-2018	General	Retain protections for air, water, wildlife
0016	Portal	Ronald Estep	25-Jun-2018	General	Against changing NEPA role of scientists and public
0018	Portal	Whitney Kroschel	25-Jun-2018	General	Need better justification for changing
0020	Portal	Stephen Buckley	25-Jun-2018	General	NEPA community has interest in no change
0021	Portal	Michel Hammes	20-Jun-2018	General	Do not make changes
0022	Portal	Susan LaSala	25-Jun-2018	General	NEPA does not need an overhaul
0025	Portal	Susan Chapin	27-Jun-2018	General	Burdens, delay may protect future health, vitality of environment
PC-0001	Postcard	Katherine Delanoy(?)	18-Jun-2018	General	Do not weaken NEPA
PC-0002	Postcard	Schemy(?)	18-Jun-2018	General	Save NEPA
0014	Portal	Jennifer Blegen	25-Jun-2018	No	(Comments concern EPA)

0005	Portal	Thomas King	25-Jun-2018	Yes	Offers thoughts on whether and how to revise
0008	Portal	Larry Freilich	25-Jun-2018	Yes	Page and time limits may cause additional work, restrict information
0010	Portal	David Keys	25-Jun-2018	Yes	Implementation has adapted, little change needed to regs
0011	Portal	Daniel Holt	25-Jun-2018	Yes	Re-adopt GHG guidance
0012	Portal	Michael Dechter	25-Jun-2018	Yes	Page limits make EIS less useful, add work
0019	Portal	David Hill	25-Jun-2018	Yes	States specific provisions not to change and general opposition
0024	Portal	Jacob Siegel	26-Jun-2018	Yes	Address climate change, retain public involvement

Yardena Mansoor  
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**Date:** Wed, 04 Jul 2018 17:43:19 -0400  
**Attachments:** CEQ NEPA ANPRM\_Comment Period Extension\_Final.docx (42.42 kB)

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**Date:** Thu, 05 Jul 2018 15:45:32 -0400

Thanks, I am going to schedule for 9am so we can get it taken care of first thing.

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Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** miriam.vincent@nara.gov  
**Date:** Thu, 05 Jul 2018 11:08:14 -0400  
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Miriam,

I hope you had a nice 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Attached please find a draft notice to extend the comment period for the CEQ ANPRM that was published in the Federal Register on June 20, 2018.

We would appreciate your office reviewing the notice and letting us know if there are any changes that need to be made before we submit it to OFR for publication.

If you need to speak with me, please feel free to contact me directly at (b) (6)

Thank you,

Viktoria

**Viktoria Z. Seale**  
**General Counsel**  
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**Date:** Thu, 05 Jul 2018 15:45:29 -0400

Thanks, I am going to schedule for 9am so we can get it taken care of first thing.

**From:** Sun, Howard C. EOP/CEQ  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** Seale, Viktoria Z. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)> Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)> Neumayr, Mary B. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)>  
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Katherine,

I can be flexible tomorrow morning. Let me know when to bring my laptop over.

Very Respectfully,  
Howard Sun  
Attorney Advisor  
Council on Environmental Quality  
Executive Office of the President  
Office: (b) (6)

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All,

The Office of Federal Register has given the comment extension notice a preliminary review and made no suggested changes. I did make one minor change, however, "advance notice of proposed rulemaking" had been spelled out and abbreviated in the Summary so I removed "advance notice of proposed rulemaking" and the parentheses from around ANPRM from the Supplementary Information section.

Attached is the version that should be submitted to the Federal Register (by Howard) after the signature process is complete. Howard, we would like to submit this to the Federal Register tomorrow morning so let's coordinate the signature process with Mary and Katherine.

Please note that once the notice is officially submitted to the Federal Register we still may receive feedback so Howard and I will keep you posted if there are any last minute edits. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Viktoria

**From:** Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/CEQ

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 4, 2018 5:43 PM

**To:** Seale, Viktoria Z. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)> Neumayr, Mary B. EOP/CEQ

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**To:** "Sun, Howard C. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Fri, 06 Jul 2018 12:46:50 -0400

When you say magnifying glass do you mean the 4 little boxes in the lower left corner? I'm at my desk if you wanna swing by.

**From:** Sun, Howard C. EOP/CEQ  
**Sent:** Friday, July 6, 2018 11:53 AM  
**To:** Matos, Angela R. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)>  
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**To:** "Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern)" <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** "Smith, Katherine R. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)> "Drummond, Michael R. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Mon, 09 Jul 2018 13:01:49 -0400  
**Attachments:** Draft response log.xlsx (51.79 kB)

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Erin,

Katherine suggested that you would be available to help with a task screening the comments received on the ANPR and filling in columns D onward in the attached spreadsheet.

Are you free to meet later this afternoon or tomorrow morning?

Yarden M Mansoor  
Deputy Associate Director for NEPA  
Council on Environmental Quality  
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- 1 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure that environmental reviews and authorization **decisions involving multiple agencies** are conducted in a manner that is concurrent, synchronized, timely, and efficient, and if so, how?
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  - 7c Cumulative Impact;
  - 7d Significantly;
  - 7e Scope; and
  - 7f Other NEPA terms.
- 8 Should any **new definitions** of key NEPA terms, such as those noted below, be added, and if so, which terms?
  - 8a Alternatives;
  - 8b Purpose and Need;
  - 8c Reasonably Foreseeable;
  - 8d Trivial Violation; and
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  - 9a Notice of Intent;
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  - 9c Environmental Assessments;
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**General:**

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**NEPA Process:**

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**Date:** Tue, 10 Jul 2018 16:04:49 -0400  
**Attachments:** 2018-14821.pdf (212.33 kB)

FYI – in case there are any inquiries to the front desk about the comment deadline for the NEPA ANPRM. The deadline was extended to August 20.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:46 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: CEQ NEPA Regulations ANPRM

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**RIN: 0331-AA03**

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**To:** "Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEO (Intern)" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Thu, 12 Jul 2018 11:06:03 -0400

Let's say 11:15.

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**From:** Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** Mansoor, Yardena M. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Task: initial review of comments on Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

I can come now if it is a good time for you!

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**To:** Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: Task: initial review of comments on Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Shall we meet now or after lunch?

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**To:** Mansoor, Yardena M. EOP/CEQ <(b) (6)>  
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I finished the first part of the assignment! I have highlighted some of the entries that I have questions on.

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**From:** Mansoor, Yardena M. EOP/CEQ  
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**To:** Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern) <(b) (6)>  
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I have no timed commitments today, so drop me a line when you are done with the first batch. Don't spend too much effort on the ones whose categorization is unclear. We'll go over those together.

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Hello Yardena,

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Best,

Erin Carlin

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How's it going? Any questions or issues? When is a good time to meet today for an update?

Another 50 comments have been posted, so I updated the master chart. When you are done with the first batch, I'll transfer your entries onto the master and we can consider the workload going forward.

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**To:** "Mansoor, Yardena M. EOP/CEQ" <(b) (6)>

**Date:** Thu, 12 Jul 2018 11:05:25 -0400

I can come now if it is a good time for you!

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Shall we meet now or after lunch?

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**Date:** Thu, 12 Jul 2018 14:29:55 -0400  
**Attachments:** 02 ANOPR Comment Log to Erin 7-12 for updates.xlsx (56.19 kB)

Good work, Erin, thanks!

Here is the next batch to screen. I filled in a few, just to get a sense of the responses, so please resume with 0269.

Notes:

- Looks like there's a campaign from a group called Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), though only a few of them cite the organization in their ID. When you recognize them, you can refer to the first one, as we did for the other campaign set.
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E-0001	The Partnership Project (353 orgs.)	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension, public hearings.																																					
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E-0004	36 law professors with NEPA expertise	Extension	1	Request 90-day extension.																																					

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**NEPA Process:**

- 1 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure that environmental reviews and authorization **decisions involving multiple agencies** are conducted in a manner that is concurrent, synchronized, timely, and efficient, and if so, how?
- 2 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to make the NEPA process more efficient by better facilitating agency use of **environmental studies, analysis, and decisions conducted in earlier** Federal, State, tribal or local environmental reviews or authorization decisions, and if so, how?
- 3 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure optimal **interagency coordination** of environmental reviews and authorization decisions, and if so, how?

**Scope of NEPA Review:**

- 4 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations that relate to the **format and page length** of NEPA documents and time limits for completion be revised, and if so, how?
- 5 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to provide greater clarity to ensure NEPA documents **better focus on significant issues** that are relevant and useful to decisionmakers and the public, and if so, how?
- 6 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to **public involvement** be revised to be more inclusive and efficient, and if so, how?
- 7 Should **definitions** of any key NEPA terms in CEQ's NEPA regulations, such as those listed below, be revised, and if so, how?
  - 7a Major Federal Action;
  - 7b Effects;
  - 7c Cumulative Impact;
  - 7d Significantly;
  - 7e Scope; and
  - 7f Other NEPA terms.
- 8 Should any **new definitions** of key NEPA terms, such as those noted below, be added, and if so, which terms?
  - 8a Alternatives;
  - 8b Purpose and Need;
  - 8c Reasonably Foreseeable;
  - 8d Trivial Violation; and
  - 8e Other NEPA terms.
- 9 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to any of the **types of documents** listed below be revised, and if so, how?
  - 9a Notice of Intent;
  - 9b Categorical Exclusions Documentation;
  - 9c Environmental Assessments;
  - 9d Findings of No Significant Impact;
  - 9e Environmental Impact Statements;
  - 9f Records of Decision; and
  - 9g Supplements.
- 10 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the **timing of agency action** be revised, and if so, how?
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- 12 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to **programmatic NEPA** documents and tiering be revised, and if so, how?
- 13 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the appropriate **range of alternatives** in NEPA reviews and which alternatives may be eliminated from detailed analysis be revised, and if so, how?

**General:**

- 14 Are any provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations currently **obsolete**? If so, please provide specific recommendations on whether they should be modified, rescinded, or replaced
- 15 Which provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations can be updated to reflect **new technologies** that can be used to make the process more efficient?
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- 17 Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to improve the **efficiency and effectiveness** of the implementation of NEPA, and if so, how?
- 18 Are there ways in which the role of **tribal governments** in the NEPA process should be clarified in CEQ's NEPA regulations, and if so, how?
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- 20 Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations related to **mitigation** should be revised, and if so, how?

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**To:** "Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern)" <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Thu, 12 Jul 2018 11:04:52 -0400

Shall we meet now or after lunch?

**From:** Carlin, Erin A. EOP/CEQ (Intern)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:37 AM  
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12	Michael Dechter	Yes		Page limits make EIS less useful, add work				1																																	
13	Anonymous Anonymous	General		Save all environmental protection provisions																																					
14	Jennifer Blegen	No		(Comments concern EPA)																																					
15	Judith Konig	General		Retain protections for air, water, wildlife																																					
16	Ronald Estep	General		Against changing NEPA role of scientists and public																																					
17	Env. Law & Policy Center, Howard Learner	Extension	1	Requests 60 day extension, public hearings																																					
18	Whitney Kroschel	General		Need better justification for changing																																					
19	David Hill	Yes		States specific provisions not to change and general opposition																																					
20	Stephen Buckley	General		NEPA community has interest in no change																																					
21	Michel Hammes	General		Do not make changes																																					
22	Ssusan LaSala	General		NEPA does not need an overhaul																																					
23	Assn. of Metr. Water Agencies, Diane VanD	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension																																					
24	Jacob Siegel	Yes		Address climate change, retain public involvement																																					
25	Susan Chapin	General		Burdens, delay may protect future health, vitality of environment																																					
26	Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers, Natalie Mame	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension																																					
27	Russell Hodin	Extension		Requests 60 day extension, public forums, mail option for commenting																																					
28	Western Urban Water Coalition, Michael Ca	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension																																					
29	Marilyn Price	General		Opposed to rollback of NEPA																																					
30	Patricia Always	General		Preserve the strength of NEPA																																					
31	Elizabeth Tachick	General		We need govt transparency, input on projects																																					
32	Nora Rawn	General		Preserve public comment, consideration of EJ communities																																					
33	Dobi Dobroslawa	General		Concerned about possibly weakened NEPA																																					
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40	Sarah David	General		Importance of public review																																					
41	Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Alison Prost	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension																																					
42	Charles Johnson	Yes	1	Recommends on NEPA pre-planning based on FERC and BLM (10-page paper)																																					
43	Utility Water Act Group, Karma Brown	Extension	1	Requests 30-day extension																																					
44	Caiqian Cropper	General		Prioritize transparency, community input over synchronization, efficiency																																					
45	Steve Tyler	General		No rollback																																					
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48	Harry and Jill Brownfield	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					

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61	Joanne Wagner	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
62	Wanda Hofbauer	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
63	Green Party of Philadelphia, Chris Robinson	Gen./Extension		Campaign: highly similar to 0047																																							
64	Jane Winn	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
65	Michael W Evans	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
66	George Trovato	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
67	Janet Cavallo	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
68	Valerie Lucznikowska	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
69	Leona and George Fluck	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
70	Hilarie Johnston	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																							
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100	Margaret McGinnis	General		Opposed to weakening NEPA																																									
101	Mark Dodel	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									
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126	Mare McClellan	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									
127	Eric Bare	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									
128	Christopher Kratzer	Gen./Extension		Opposes revising NEPA; requests 90-day extension																																									
129	Tom Hoffman	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									
130	Chuck Graver	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									
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138	Rosemarie Brenner	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																									

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139	Leslie Sauer	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
140	Sue Harmon	General		Do not change NEPA																																					
141	Katie Chapp	Gen./Extension		Consider well-informed remarks, lengthen comment period																																					
142	Joseph Holmes	Yes		Do not make any changes (cites all questions)																																					
143	David Mathews	Yes		Favors changes for efficiency	1		1																																		
144	M D	General		Preserve environmental stewardship while streamling NEPA																																					
145	Shane Worth	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
146	Ryan Dodson	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
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152	kathleen rengert	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
153	Peggy Miros	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
154	Carol Schmidt	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
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159	Mary McMahan	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
160	Elizabeth Seltzer	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
161	Margaret Quinn	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
162	lloyd goodman	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
163	John and Janice Hahn	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
164	Yolanda Stern Broad Ph.D.	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
165	Patti Packer	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
166	Erik McDarby	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
167	Gregory Esteve	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
168	Kate Sherwood	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
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174	Carol Armstrong	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
175	Ruth Heil	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
176	marilyn miller	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
177	Robert Adams	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
178	Gail Musante	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
179	Peter Mulshine	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
180	P Scoville	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
181	Curtis Baker	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
182	marilyn miller	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
183	Joe Busby	General		EPA and NEPA cause overregulation and duplication. Disband EPA and keep CEQ																																					



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226	Wendy Redal	General		Opposed to revisions to NEPA																																					
227	Western Resource Advocates , Robert Harris	Yes	1	Believes in the goals of the rulemaking but not in the execution. Suggests reform of the	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																									
228	Aaron Miller	Yes		Consider that the resources of agencies that conduct NEPA reviews are low so expeditin	1			1																																	
229	Gregory Esteve	General		Opposed to any change in NEPA																																					
230	Craig Wallentine	General		Opposed to any change in NEPA unless it is to strengthen it. Cites examples in Utah of why NEPA is important																																					
231	Sara Schultz	Gen./Extension		Campaign: similar to 0047																																					
232	The Partnership Project, Justin McCarthy	Yes	1	10 page letter by 352 organizations: requests 60 day extension of comment period and the opportunity f												1																									
233	Robert Shippee	General		Opposed to any change in NEPA unless it is to strengthen it.																																					
234	Marlene Israel	General		Opposed to any change in NEPA																																					
235	William Blount	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
236	Christopher Jannusch	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
237	Jerre stallcup	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
238	Eric Hirst	General		Opposed to weakening NEPA but belives there could be improvements made																																					
239	Michael Kellett	General		Opposes changes to NEPA. Problems in implementation lie in lack of adherence to laws and regs																																					
240	Nicole Quinn	Gen./Extension		Campaign: similar to 0047																																					
241	Andy Puckett	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
242	Susan Dixon	Gen./Extension		Campaign: similar to 0047																																					
243	Andrew McGrath	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
244	Barbara Halpern	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
245	Lynn Koster	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
246	David Goebel	Gen./Extension		Cites reforms needed to aviation. Requests extension of comment period																																					
247	Ben Luccaro	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
248	Vicki Barg	Gen./Extension		Keep NEPA intact and extend comment period to 90 days. Uses issues with BLM as examples of his position																																					
249	Deborah Kratzer	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
250	Lauren Greenawalt	Gen./Extension		Campaign: same as 0047																																					
251	Corey White	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
252	Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited, Edward Michael	Gen./Extension	1	2 page letter: Requests extension of comment period to at least 90 days																																					
253	Carl Erdmann	General		Keep NEPA intact																																					
254	Rush Hardin	General		Opposed to major changes, but minor changes may be necessary																																					
255	Ken Gamauf	Gen./Extension		Opposes weakening or revisions of NEPA. Extend comment period to 90 days																																					
256	Susan Meacham	Gen./Extension		Campaign: similar to 0047																																					
257	Cindy Eby	Gen./Extension		Campaign: similar to 0047																																					
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PC-0002	Schemy(?)	General		Save NEPA																																					
E-0001	The Partnership Project (353 orgs.)	Extension	1	Requests 60-day extension, public hearings																																					

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**NEPA Process:**

- 1 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure that environmental reviews and authorization **decisions involving multiple agencies** are conducted in a manner that is concurrent, synchronized, timely, and efficient, and if so, how?
- 2 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to make the NEPA process more efficient by better facilitating agency use of **environmental studies, analysis, and decisions conducted in earlier** Federal, State, tribal or local environmental reviews or authorization decisions, and if so, how?
- 3 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to ensure optimal **interagency coordination** of environmental reviews and authorization decisions, and if so, how?

**Scope of NEPA Review:**

- 4 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations that relate to the **format and page length** of NEPA documents and time limits for completion be revised, and if so, how?
- 5 Should CEQ's NEPA regulations be revised to provide greater clarity to ensure NEPA documents **better focus on significant issues** that are relevant and useful to decisionmakers and the public, and if so, how?
- 6 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to **public involvement** be revised to be more inclusive and efficient, and if so, how?
- 7 Should **definitions** of any key NEPA terms in CEQ's NEPA regulations, such as those listed below, be revised, and if so, how?
  - 7a Major Federal Action;
  - 7b Effects;
  - 7c Cumulative Impact;
  - 7d Significantly;
  - 7e Scope; and
  - 7f Other NEPA terms.
- 8 Should any **new definitions** of key NEPA terms, such as those noted below, be added, and if so, which terms?
  - 8a Alternatives;
  - 8b Purpose and Need;
  - 8c Reasonably Foreseeable;
  - 8d Trivial Violation; and
  - 8e Other NEPA terms.
- 9 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to any of the **types of documents** listed below be revised, and if so, how?
  - 9a Notice of Intent;
  - 9b Categorical Exclusions Documentation;
  - 9c Environmental Assessments;
  - 9d Findings of No Significant Impact;
  - 9e Environmental Impact Statements;
  - 9f Records of Decision; and
  - 9g Supplements.
- 10 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the **timing of agency action** be revised, and if so, how?
- 11 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to **agency responsibility** and the preparation of NEPA documents by **contractors and project applicants** be revised, and if so, how?
- 12 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to **programmatic NEPA** documents and tiering be revised, and if so, how?
- 13 Should the provisions in CEQ's NEPA regulations relating to the appropriate **range of alternatives** in NEPA reviews and which alternatives may be eliminated from detailed analysis be revised, and if so, how?

**General:**

- 14 Are any provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations currently **obsolete**? If so, please provide specific recommendations on whether they should be modified, rescinded, or replaced
- 15 Which provisions of the CEQ's NEPA regulations can be updated to reflect **new technologies** that can be used to make the process more efficient?
- 16 Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to promote **coordination of environmental review and authorization decisions**, such as combining NEPA analysis and other decision documents, and if so, how?
- 17 Are there additional ways CEQ's NEPA regulations should be revised to improve the **efficiency and effectiveness** of the implementation of NEPA, and if so, how?
- 18 Are there ways in which the role of **tribal governments** in the NEPA process should be clarified in CEQ's NEPA regulations, and if so, how?
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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 11, 2006

Ms. Mary Newman  
Chief of Staff  
Council on Environmental Quality  
720 Jackson Place NW  
Washington DC 20506

Dear Ms. Newman:

We write today in response to the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that was released by CEQ on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The questions posed in this ANPRM touch on every aspect of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and the regulatory changes that may result have the potential to profoundly affect how members of the public may engage in decisions made by Federal agencies. As you undertake such a broad review of NEPA, we request that you consider to hold public meetings and to extend the public comment period by an additional 60 days to allow for meaningful public input.

As you know, the current NEPA regulations were originally intended in 1970 in order to promote better decisions and to further the national policy to protect and enhance the quality of the environment. In the forty years since then, the substance of the regulations have been changed only once. Given the abundance of social, technological, and environmental changes that have occurred since 1970, we hope that the rulemaking process can result in a more active consideration of improving environmental outcomes, and opportunities for public involvement, while still expediting decision-making and reducing regulatory costs. Most importantly, any change must be certain not to degrade the quality of the human and natural environment, which is the central goal of NEPA.

In order for the regulatory process to achieve this optimal outcome, CEQ must commit to robust public involvement. Only by listening from the public can we be sure that the public will benefit from proposed changes. Unfortunately, the only mechanism for public input will be limited for the public to weigh in on the changes to implementation of the foundational environmental protection law. The ANPRM provides for only a 30-day comment period, and CEQ has made no commitment to hold public meetings or forums or gather comments and suggestions from the general public.

Limiting public involvement for this type of regulatory overhaul is particularly concerning in this instance, given that the very intent of NEPA is to ensure that before undertaking significant actions—such as significant rulemaking—Federal agencies must hear from the public, and consider those public comments. As representatives of States from across the nation, our concerns about the implications of this rulemaking are wide-ranging. Changes to the NEPA process will affect decisions ranging from federal land management, to construction of roads and bridges, from flight patterns, to ecosystem restoration, to tribal negotiations, and more. Given this broad scope of potential changes, public involvement in the regulations should be *broader* than usual, and should include outreach to diverse constituents, through regional and national public meetings, as well as through online forums and targeted listening sessions with affected stakeholders.

As described in the current implementing regulations, which CEQ now seeks to change, one of the goals of NEPA is to “encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment.”<sup>11</sup> It further states explicitly that agencies shall “Make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures.”<sup>12</sup> Changes to CEQ’s own NEPA procedures, which will affect project-level analysis and decisions in all Federal agencies, for decades to come, will have enormous consequences for the quality of the human environment, and therefore should be informed by ample public involvement.

Former CEQ directors have agreed on the importance of public involvement in developing implementing procedures, and there is significant precedent for CEQ to conduct public hearings as part of development of NEPA regulations. For instance, in 1977, in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for the NEPA implementing procedures, CEQ described the process followed prior to publication of the NPRM and indicated the importance of the public hearings conducted. The NPRM stated in part that:

We have been greatly assisted in our task by the hundreds of people who responded to our call for suggestions on how to make the NEPA process work better. In public hearings which we held in June 1977, we invited testimony from a broad array of public officials, organizations, and private citizens, affirmatively involving NEPA’s critics as well as its friends. Among those represented were the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which coordinated testimony from business; the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, for labor; the National Conference of State Legislatures, for state and local governments; the Natural Resources Defense Council, for environmental groups. Scientists, scholars, and the general public were there.<sup>13</sup>

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Another important way for CEQ to make “diligent efforts to involve the public” would be to provide a more meaningful public comment period. The rulemaking to propose the NEPA procedures that CEQ now seeks to change allowed 73 days for the public to provide comments and suggestions. Given the wide breadth of questions posed to the public in the ANPRM and the unprecedented scope of reforms that are being contemplated, it would be appropriate to provide an additional 60 days beyond the 30 days that has been proposed.

NEPA is perhaps the most important public involvement tool in our nation, and “diligent efforts to engage the public” is the standard established in the current NEPA implementing procedures. This standard should govern CEQ’s efforts to revise the implementing procedures. But perhaps even more important than compliance with existing regulations, CEQ should commit to ample public involvement because it will improve the quality of the final regulations. Thoughtful, effective, and publicly beneficial regulations are a shared goal for us all, and the best way to achieve that is by engaging the public. Thank you for working with us to ensure the best outcome for all Americans and for the natural environment we all share.

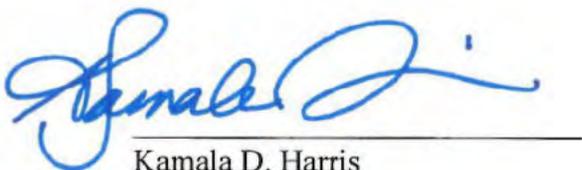
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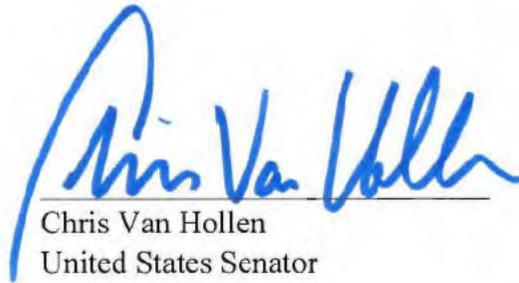
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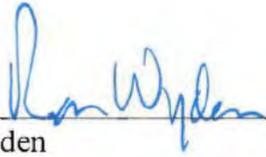
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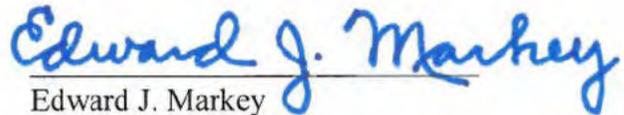
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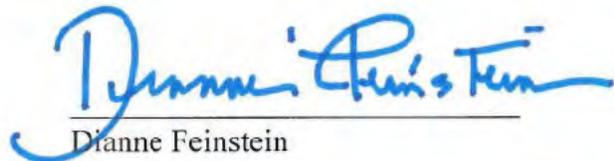
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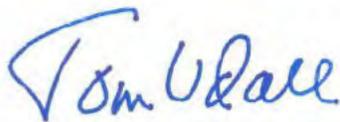
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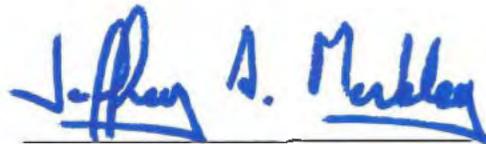
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June 25, 2018

Mary B. Neumayr  
Chief of Staff  
Council on Environmental Quality  
730 Jackson Place, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Request for Comment Extension on CEQ's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) *Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* (Docket ID No. CEQ-2018-0001)

Dear Ms. Neumayr,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing CEOs and general managers of the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. AMWA and AWWA thank the Council on Environmental Quality for the opportunity to comment on CEQ's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM): *Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)* (CEQ-2018-0001).

As many members from both organizations are often applicants for or involved in projects that require review under NEPA, such as those for water supply and delivery, any changes in the NEPA process would significantly impact our members. Therefore our organizations request a 60 day extension to the comment period due to the scope of the requested information and the level of detail that is necessary for the responses. This extension would allow both AMWA and AWWA the time needed to more fully engage our members and to provide the most useful and comprehensive comments possible for the council.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Diane VanDe Hei  
Chief Executive Officer  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

G. Tracy Mehan, III  
Executive Director of Government Affairs  
American Water Works Association



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## Comment from David Ortman, NA

This is a Comment on the **Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Proposed Rule: Implementation of Procedural Provisions of National Environmental Policy Act**

For related information, [Open Docket Folder](#) 

### Comment

In response to CEQ's Federal Register Notice dated June 20, 2018 (83 FR 28591) request comments on an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking on "Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act," the attached testimony and article are submitted as comments.

Thank you.

David E. Ortman  
Attorney-at-Law  
7043 22nd Ave N.W.  
Seattle, WA 98117

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