

CEQ Announces Details of First Public Hearing on Proposed Rule to Modernize NEPA Regulations

Hearing will be held on February 11th in Denver, CO

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Washington, D.C. – Today, the Council on Environmental Quality is announcing the details of the first public hearing on its proposal to comprehensively update its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations for the first time in over 40 years.

What: Public hearing on CEQ's proposal to Update the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA.

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2020. There will be a morning and afternoon session available for registration.

- The morning hearing session will convene at 9 am and will conclude at Noon MST.
- The afternoon hearing session will convene at 1 pm and will conclude at 4 pm MST.

Where: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202

Registration Information: Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing, either as a speaker or as a listener, must register in advance on Eventbrite. The same individual cannot register for multiple tickets. Free tickets to both sessions will be available at the links below at 1:30 pm EST (11:30 am MST), today, January 22, 2020.

- Tickets for the morning session (9 am-Noon MST) will be available HERE.
- Tickets for the afternoon session (1 pm-4 pm MST) will be available HERE.

Background: In 2017, President Trump issued <u>Executive Order 13807</u> establishing a One Federal Decision policy, including a two-year goal for completing environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects, and directing CEQ to consider revisions to modernize its regulations. In 2018, CEQ issued an <u>Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</u> (ANPRM) requesting comment on potential updates to its regulations. CEQ received over <u>12,500</u> comments, which informed CEQ's proposed rule.

On January 10, 2020, CEQ published a notice of proposed rulemaking comprehensively modernizing its NEPA regulations for the first time in over 40 years.

- A fact sheet on the proposed rule can be found HERE.
- Text of the proposed rule can be found HERE.

CEQ is also planning on making a public webcast presentation of its proposed rule available on its websites in advance of the public hearing. Comments on CEQ's proposed rule should be submitted on or before March 10, 2020.

You may submit comments via any of the following methods:

- Go to https://www.regulations.gov/ and follow the online instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0003.
- By Fax: 202-456-6546
- By mail:
 - Council on Environmental Quality 730 Jackson Place NW Washington, DC 20503 Attn: Docket No. CEQ-2019-0003

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