





- **Expands Public Involvement and Improves Coordination with States, Tribes, and Localities**
  - Requires agencies to provide more information to and solicit input from the public earlier in the process to ensure and facilitate informed decision making by Federal agencies
  - Reduces duplication by facilitating use of documents prepared by State, Tribal, and local agencies to comply with NEPA
  - Enhances ability of Native Americans to participate in the NEPA process and ensures appropriate consultation with affected Tribal governments and agencies
  - Eliminates provisions in the prior regulations that limit Tribal interest to reservations
  - Promotes use of modern technologies for information sharing and public outreach
  
- **Ensures Meaningful and Effective Environmental Reviews**
  - Requires agencies to consider the affected environment, including reasonably foreseeable environmental trends and planned actions
  - Requires agencies to certify consideration of alternatives, information, and analyses submitted by State, Tribal, and local governments and public commenters
  - Clarifies that mitigation must have a nexus to effects of the proposed action or alternatives
  - Does not alter any substantive environmental laws or regulations

**Additional Information:**

- NEPA applies to a broad range of Federal agency actions, including Federally-funded construction projects, plans to manage and develop Federal lands, and Federal authorizations of non-Federal activities such as licenses and permits. NEPA encompasses a variety of projects and activities, including construction of roads, bridges, highways, public transit, and airports, conventional and renewable energy production and distribution, electricity transmission, water infrastructure, and broadband deployment, as well as management of public lands, forests, and waters. Such management activities include leases and authorizations for energy production, mining, grazing, and other activities; management of national parks, forests, and fisheries; and environmental restoration projects.
- Under the CEQ regulations, there are three levels of environmental review: EISs, EAs, and CEs. Annually agencies issue approximately 170 final EISs and 10,000 EAs, and apply categorical exclusions to approximately 100,000 actions.

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*For the Regulatory Impact Analysis, click [HERE](#).*

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