Duration: 1 day

Course Summary: “If you work for the Federal Government or your projects receive any federal funding, you need to understand and know how to work with NEPA.”

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the most important environmental law in the United States. This workshop will cover the procedural requirement of NEPA and the information that must be included in environmental impact documents. The course will address Environmental Impact Statements (EIs), Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Categorical Exclusions (CATEXs).

This class is for anyone dealing with NEPA, including agency regulators, engineers, scientists, consultants, planners, and attorneys.

Topic Include:

- The fundamentals of NEPA
- NEPA’s legal and regulatory framework
- How to determine when NEPA applies
- Using CATEX's
- How to prepare Environmental Assessments (EA's), and Findings of No Significant Impacts
- Determining when an EIS must be prepared
- The importance of “purpose and need” and “alternatives”
- The key topics to include in an EIS
- How to prepare adequate, defensible, and useful environmental documents
- The current standards of judicial review, and
- How to integrate NEPA with other federal, state, and local requirements and permits.
- Common NEPA mistakes and how to avoid them.

Available Professional Credit: 0.8 CEU, 8 PDH