Navigating the NEPA Process in Navajo Country Agenda

A Workshop for Project Success
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Agenda Items

8:00 – 8:30   Introductions and Workshop Overview

8:30 – 9:30   NEPA Overview
- Origins of NEPA
- NEPA Purpose and Goals
- Overview of NEPA Regulations
- Incorporating other environmental laws and review procedures into the NEPA process.

9:30 – 10:15   What level of environmental review does your project require?
- Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

10:15 – 10:30   BREAK

10:30 – 11:00   Understand the level of public engagement that your project requires
- EIS public scoping regulations
- For EA public scoping regulations
- Agency guidelines (i.e., BIA, IHS, HUD NEPA manuals).

11:00 – 12:00   Understand what triggers the NEPA process
- What is the project's federal connection to NEPA?
- Understand the federal/tribal leasing structure
- Case Study

12:00 – 1:00   LUNCH (On your own)

1:00 – 2:00   Incorporating other environmental laws & review procedures and obtaining compliance documents

- Land statuses with specific approval processes: Tribal Trust, Indian Allotment, fee land, & combination
- Understanding requirements based on the type of project and lead agency and/or federal connection
- Approval processes and application checklists
- Process for obtaining BRCF and CRCF

2:00 – 2:30   Q&A for Individual projects

2:30 – 3:15   Finding Data Sources for Preliminary Site Feasibility and the Affected Environment

- Online data sources and interactive websites available from federal, state and tribal programs.
- How to access data and what to consider.

3:15 – 3:30   BREAK

3:30 – 4:00   Impact Analysis for Environmental Consequences and Finding of No significant Impact (FONSI) or Record of Decision (ROD)

4:00 – 4:45   Using GIS as a tool for Impact Analysis

- What is GIS? Software and tools: ESRI ArcPro and what GIS can do
- Considerations: Data limitations & best practices
- Case study

4:45 – 5:00   Closing Remarks & Raffle

Additional information
This agenda is subject to change.