

Planning/NEPA Training and Workshop
(Summary of Field Office Input)

WHEN: January to March

TYPE: Statewide workshop 1 to 2 days - General NEPA and Planning Overview topics. Breakout sessions to do some brainstorming on topic areas and scheduling Field Office visits for training on specific topic items. {Bring other States, agencies, etc., into the workshop - Regional/interagency involvement.}

Field Office - Designed to address NEPA and Planning issues, questions, concerns, etc., specific to that office.

SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- Overall NEPA Process-CXs, ADs, EAs, and EISs
 - * What is the "minimum" NEPA documentation content and significance levels be identified? how can
 - * Components - Good Affected Environment, Good Analysis, Good No Action, and how to document consultation and coordination. Document format.
 - * Structure and content of NEPA Documents - Inconsistency of level of documentation and quality of documents.
- Planning amendments and implementation-revision versus amendments and/or maintenance.
- MOUs for third party contractors and interim drilling. Agreements (limitations of actions during the NEPA process).
- Cooperative Relations-Cooperating Agency determination, etc.
- Socio-economic Input, Environmental Justice, appropriate level of public involvement.
- Air Quality analysis - How much modeling is required? What models are acceptable? How much and what type of baseline data is necessary? How do we weave our way through the regulatory maze of the various agencies?
- Streamlining-GRBAC lessons learned. How to implement streamlining recommendations?
- Transition from EAs with significant impacts to EISs.
- Administrative Procedures - Federal Register Notices, EPA filing, EIS numbers, printing, and distribution, Appeals and response to "Statement of Reasons."

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- Refer to 40CFR 1505.2(c) - What is BLM's current procedure for a monitoring and enforcement program? Is it effective? What does one look like?
- How to evaluate whether impact analysis predictions were accurate during preparation of the document (Would like examples provided).
- Questions from the NEPA Overview Satellite broadcast.
 - * Use of terms such as significant/non-significant or adverse/beneficial. *
 - The FONSI is not a decision by the responsible official. *
 - Clarify what decisions are issued full force and effect and the waiting time of 30 days between the DR and signing an authorization. *
 - Attaching the appeals language to the decision.
 - * EIS comment period (60 days NEPA Handbook versus 45 days CEQ Regs).
- Using a Writer/Editor.
- 106 Process and NEPA.
- Procedural consideration in light of the 2-tier organization - How will Planning and NEPA positions in the field be utilized in the 2-tier system?
- Changing Categories for allotments-(Platte River) **Not sure if this refers to Plan manipulation or a NEPA document or both.**
- Application and documentation needs of RMP-level amendments versus Activity level actions.
- Clarify role of State Office reviewers.
- What techniques can be use to reduce the preparation time and size of these analyses? Specifically focus on interest group issues rather than data collection or tiering strategies.
- Roles and responsibilities of the Field Office P&EC contacts in relation to the 2-tier organization.

Attachment 1-2

WYOMING STATEWIDE PLANNING AND

NEPA WORKSHOP

Date: January 27 and 28, 1998

Place: Riverton, Wyoming, Holiday Inn

Who: 1 - 2 from each Field Office (NEPA/planning collateral duty individual, Field Office Manager)

Support Office personnel (those with NEPA and/or Planning expertise)

State Office personnel with NEPA and Planning responsibility

Overall workshop and training strategy

A statewide workshop to discuss and come to resolution on statewide policy concerning issues that are applicable on a statewide basis, as well as to set agendas and schedule dates for individual Field Office training.

This workshop would then be followed by individual training sessions at each field office as scheduled above.

All workshops and training would be completed by the middle of March 1998.

STATEWIDE WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEMS

- * Planning and NEPA roles under the two-tier organization
Tom Enright/Marty Griffith/JEFF RAWSON
- * Cooperating Agency status **Joe Patti**
- Third party contracting **Roger Wickstrom/ Jon Johnson**
- * Interim development agreements Define exploration, delineation conformation and development
Bill McMahan/ Vickie Daniels/ Jon Johnson
- NEPA streamlining (CEQ, Bureau, GRBAC) **Bill McMahan/ Walt George**

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- Environmental Justice, Native American Issues
Tim Nowak
- Air and Water Quality Issues
Rick Schuler/ Scott Archer

- EPA/FS Coordination
Kate Padilla/Roger Wickstrom/Bill Daniels
 - Planning and NEPA interface (maint., Revisions, Amend)
Joe Patti/Renee Dana/Bob Ross
 - Cumulative Impacts
Dave Roberts/Vickie Daniels/Bill McMahan

 - * Statewide Field Office Training
 - Agenda topics
 - Presenters
 - Schedule
 - Tom Enright***

 - presentations
 - * possible breakout sessions
- Bold/Italics** - Possible Presenters or Person responsible