

National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA, also known as the National Environmental Policy Act, is a federal law that provides for a decision-making process to consider the effects of federally funded or permitted projects on the natural and built environment.

NEPA provides for broad participation in decision-making by the public and those agencies having an interest related to the action. The lead agencies are required to provide opportunities for meaningful public and agency participation during the environmental process.

Under NEPA, lead agencies consider public input about the potential effects of a project on the social, economic, and environmental conditions. Lead agencies are required to consider agency and public comments received.

