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NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources

Seminar Overview

Gain a basic understanding of the National Environmental Policy Act and the NEPA process. Learn to identify cultural resources in context and examine the requirements for their consideration within the NEPA regulations. Discuss how to incorporate cultural impact assessments into environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and categorical exclusions. Assess practical applications for effectively integrating the analyses required by NEPA with other regulations.

Agenda

NEPA basics

- Brief background on passage of law and intent
- Key principles and policy
- Specific inclusion of cultural resources

NEPA requirements

- Brief overview
- Definitions
- Statistics of NEPA processes
- Discussion and consideration of cultural resources
- Decision process

Analysis, reports, and programmatic NEPA reviews

- Identify cultural resources in context
- Cultural impact assessment (CIA)
- Environmental impact statement (EIS)
- Environmental assessment (EA)

Time for process

- Integration of cultural resources into NEPA
- Collaboration and cooperation
- Compliance data
- Scoping
- Mitigation and monitoring
- Categorical exclusions

Consideration of other laws and executive orders

- Assess practical applications for integrating NEPA analysis with other regulations

Benefits of NEPA

- Community values