

## INTRODUCTION TO NEPA AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONMAKING Web-based

This Web-based course is a basic introduction to FHWA's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) transportation decisionmaking process. It provides an overview of the environmental process, including the integration of social, environmental, and economic factors within the framework of existing laws, regulations, policies, and guidance for transportation project decisions.

The course covers the requirements of NEPA as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, as well as FHWA's regulations and guidance for NEPA implementation and project decisionmaking. Separate lessons address such topics as purpose and need, alternatives development and analysis, impact analysis, public involvement, interagency coordination, mitigation, and documentation.

**OUTCOMES:** Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Relate the origin, evolution, and context of NEPA
- Describe the intent, goals, and basic requirements of NEPA
- Describe the NEPA umbrella concept in transportation decisionmaking
- Identify the NEPA principles in the development of transportation projects
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of the lead agency, applicant, and cooperating agencies in the NEPA process
- List documentation requirements of the NEPA process

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Staff from FHWA, State DOT (including consultants acting on behalf of the State), Federal and State environmental resource agencies, local government, and MPOs who participate in the transportation decisionmaking process.

**LENGTH:** 6.5 hours

**CEU:** 0.6 Units

**FEE:** FREE per participant

**REGISTRATION:** Register on-line at [www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov). If you are an FHWA employee or have an UPACS account, log in using your UPACS user ID and password. If you are a new NHI Web site user, complete the NHI user profile that will create a NHI user ID and password. Once you log in to the NHI Web site, you can add the course to your shopping cart and proceed to checkout. After the checkout process is completed, you will receive an e-mail with detailed instructions for accessing this Web-based course.

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This FREE Web-based course is considered a "stand alone" offering but is also highly recommended for those planning to enroll in the NHI 142005 NEPA and Transportation Decisionmaking course, or any other advanced environmental training courses.



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