

Stephen T. Mather Training Center

NEPA Topics: Analysis of Cumulative Impacts Webinar

Virtual/Webinar Course

March 1 - 3, 2016

This three-day virtual course will consist of an in-depth examination of topics related to conducting the NEPA process: direct and indirect impact analysis, cumulative impact analysis, and a brief review of integration of other environmental laws into NEPA. Through the course, participants will gain an increased understanding of the legal requirements for cumulative impact analysis and will explore methods for identifying cumulative actions, framing analysis, and describing cumulative impacts. Participants will also get a brief review other environmental mandates such as the National Historic Preservation Act and the Endangered Species Act and will investigate how to best integrate their requirements into the NEPA process.

Course Objectives:

- Develop an understanding of the definition of cumulative impacts and legal requirements for cumulative impact analysis.
- Learn to identify past, present, and future actions to be considered in cumulative impact analysis.
- Be able to establish spatial and temporal boundaries for cumulative impact analysis.
- Learn to describe cumulative impacts using available tools and information.
- Describe a variety of environmental laws, executive orders, and regulations.
- Explore options for integrating the requirements of environmental mandates into the NEPA process.

Participants: The intended audience for this course is NPS staff with NEPA compliance responsibilities who have taken an introductory NEPA course and/or who have a working knowledge of NEPA and NPS Director's Order 12.

Dates: March 1 – March 3, 2016.

Class Size: 30 Participants

Location: **Virtual, on-line webinars** using Adobe Connect. Class begins at 10:30 AM Eastern; 7:30 AM Pacific. Class will include three 90-minute sessions with breaks for case studies and lunch each day. Class will end at 5:00 PM Eastern Tuesday through Thursday. There will be two more sessions of this course presented this year. Presentation June 7 – 9 will have Pacific based times for Hawaii and Alaska participants.

Tuition: No Tuition

Application: Apply through DOI Learn. On the "Welcome" page, click on "Search the Catalog" near the center of the page. Search on "NEPA Topics." Make sure to look for the "Analysis of Cumulative Impacts - **VIRTUAL CLASS**". Applications close on February 19. Selection emails with logistics information will be sent the week February 22.

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