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Integrating Cultural Resources in NEPA Compliance

Seminar Overview

Learn about environmental assessment, cultural resource management, and historic preservation responsibilities and their implementation. Assess practical applications for effectively combining the analyses required by the National Environmental Policy Act, related environmental regulations, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Agenda

Introduction to the course, the participants, the teacher

- We will be looking at the suite of environmental laws and regulations, as well as the historic preservation laws, regulations, and guidelines, how they interrelate, and how we can most efficiently, effectively, and responsibly address them together.

Definitions

- What are the components of the processes.

Overview of the Laws

- Review both environmental and historic preservation and cultural resource requirements.
- We need to understand what needs to be addressed to ensure that we are addressing it.

Principles of NEPA Review

- Why do we do NEPA review?
- What is it intended to accomplish?
- How can we meet these goals?

What is NEPA Review?

- What are the steps in accomplishing the NEPA process, when, who does them, under what circumstances, and for what reason?

NEPA Classes of Action and Documents

- What is a Categorical Exclusion?
- An Environmental Assessment?
- An Environmental Impact Statement?
- When is each appropriate?

Historic Preservation and NEPA Classes of Actions and Documents

- How can cultural resources consideration be integrated into a Categorical Exclusion?
- An Environmental Assessment?
- An Environmental Impact Statement?

Performing Cultural Resource Analyses Under NEPA

- Principles, timing, level of detail, reporting, consultation, review.

Summary

- How does it all fit together?
- What have we learned
- How can we use that information?
- Where do we go from here?