

**ACI-NA/ACC/FAA  
NEPA Practitioners Workshop  
December 9-10, 2009  
Westin Crown Center  
Kansas City, MO  
Course Outline**

The ACI-NA/ACC/FAA Airport Planning Redefined Course will immediately precede the Workshop on December 7-9, 2009. A joint session for the two events will occur the morning of Wednesday, December 9.

**MON-TUE, DECEMBER 7-8**

All Day

[Airport Planning Redefined Course Programming](#)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Joint Reception for Planning and NEPA Event Attendees

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009**

**Wednesday morning features joint sessions of the Planning and NEPA event attendees.** This joint session will provide information on how planning supports environmental reviews, and how that support enhances the ultimate FAA decision process and getting a project "on line."

8:00 AM-8:30 AM

**Breakfast**

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

**Welcome**

*Ed Melisky - FAA*

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

**Joint Planning/NEPA Session 1: Planning and NEPA Scenarios**

Various scenarios on how NEPA follows planning.

*Bill Willkie - CH2M Hill*

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

**Joint Planning/NEPA Session 2: Master Planning Scope Considerations**

How planners and environmental specialists must work together more closely during planning and the NEPA processes

*John van Woensel - CH2M Hill*

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

**BREAK**

- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Joint Planning/NEPA Session 3: Formulation - Defining the Project in More Detail**  
 Building the bridge between the sponsor's planning and the FAA's NEPA processes.  
*John van Woensel - CH2M Hill*
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Joint Planning/NEPA Session 4: Starting NEPA**  
 The FAA's responsibility in the NEPA process including who does what and when.  
*Ed Melisky - FAA*
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**      **LUNCH**
- \*\*NEPA-only programming begins\*\***
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**      **Indirect Effects**  
 The definition of indirect impacts, compared with direct, induced, and cumulative impacts; relevant laws and guidance; and how to consider indirect impacts in the NEPA process.  
*Mary McCarthy - FAA*  
*Mary Vigilante - Synergy Consultants*
- 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM**      **BREAK**
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Facilitated Discussion**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009**

- 7:30 AM-8:00 AM**      **Breakfast**
- 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Air Quality**  
 Airport air quality terms and concepts, relevant regulations and guidance, assessment tools and techniques, and insight on preparing NEPA air quality sections.  
*Sam Hartsfield - Portland International Airport*  
*Mike Kenney - KB Environmental*  
*Ed Melisky - FAA*
- 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM**      **BREAK**
- 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM**      **Air Quality Class Exercise**
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**      **LUNCH**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Cumulative Effects**

An overview of the cumulative impacts requirements and guidance and their applicability to airport development actions, including necessary consultation and documentation.

*Amy Hanson - FAA*

*Tom Klin - CH2M Hill*

*Mary McCarthy - FAA*

*Sue McDonald - FAA*

**3:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**New and Emerging Issues**

New and emerging issues that may be relevant to the NEPA process. Potential topics include health risk assessments, hazardous air pollutant guidance, deicing, airport GIS and environmental implications, and climate change

*Ed Melisky - FAA*

*Ralph Thompson - FAA*

**4:30 PM**

**Conclusions and Wrap-Up**