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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Every airport and every project is different, but required federal environmental reviews repeatedly trip on many of the same issues. We will show you how to solve those problems and deliver your development projects faster, and with less hassle. We will show you how to build a strong foundation in the planning process to make faster and better National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews. You will learn how to deal with evolving issues such as cumulative impacts, indirect effects, and the management of a dozen other environmental review laws. Most important, you will learn what the FAA wants and how to make sure FAA gets what it wants — when it wants it.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Airport sponsor personnel responsible for initiating and processing NEPA documents supporting categorical exclusions or environmental assessments for FAA review and acceptance.
- Airport sponsor personnel responsible for airport planning and working with FAA as it prepares environmental impact statements.
- Professionals responsible for delivering airport projects on time and within budget.
- Consultants who advise airports on regulatory processing of airport projects.
- FAA and other state and local regulators who deal with airports under NEPA.
- Anyone with a stake in navigating NEPA efficiently and correctly without wasting time and money and without cutting corners.

NEPA WORKSHOP



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WESTIN CROWN CENTER
KANSAS CITY, MO

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- » Understand how airport planning project definition information feeds into the NEPA process and steps that will aid that interface.
- » Learn how to use the FAA Environmental Desk Reference for Airport Actions and gain a thorough understanding of relevant laws and regulatory requirements.
- » Learn how to assess cumulative impacts — timeframe for consideration, data sources, level of detail, etc.
- » Understand how to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act through the NEPA process.
- » Know the current thinking on the consideration of emerging issues including indirect effects, climate change and sustainability in NEPA documents.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

This workshop will use detailed presentations along with interactive and collegial activities to educate you on key tenants of the NEPA process. Moderators and printed materials will provide detailed information as a foundation for discussion.

DAY 1))

- Joint Planning/NEPA Session
 - » PART 1: Planning and NEPA Scenarios
 - » PART 2: Master Planning Scope Considerations
 - » PART 3: Formulation — Defining the Project in More Detail
 - » PART 4: Starting NEPA
- Cumulative Effects

DAY 2))

- Air Quality & Conformity
- Indirect Effects
- New & Emerging Trends
 - » Greenhouse gas inventories
 - » Climate change adaptation
 - » Other Issues

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The workshop begins with a joint session between airport planning and NEPA professionals, focusing on strategies to better integrate the planning/project definition and NEPA process to ensure success. After the joint session, the environmental portion of the workshop will focus on details covering three primary topics: cumulative effects, air quality and conformity, and indirect effects. Along with comprehensive presentations, the workshop will include class exercises based on real-life examples and facilitated discussions. New and emerging environmental issues will also be discussed, including greenhouse gas inventories and climate change adaptation.

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