
Executive-Level NEPA Training (8-hour course)

Fermilab Wilson Hall, 1West

Thursday, December 9, 2010; 8 am – 5:30 pm,

Background to NEPA:

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC 4321 *et seq.*), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and specific Federal agency NEPA implementing regulations provide the regulatory foundation and guidance for completing the NEPA process for each Federal agency. Every Federal agency is required to comply with the requirements of the NEPA when they propose to conduct a "Federal action."

The NEPA process is designed to achieve three fundamental, primary goals: (1) Consider environmental values in agency decision-making (comply with the NEPA, CEQ Regulations, and Federal agency NEPA implementing regulations) and allow for informed decisions, cognizant of potential environmental effects (and, where at all possible, minimize effects); (2) Solicit, obtain, and consider information from the Public (including regulatory agencies); and (3) Provide written data to the public and decision-maker, in plain language, prior to making the decision.

Course Description:

This one-day course is specifically designed to provide participants (at an Executive Level, with any level of prior NEPA experience) with critical, high-level information, necessary to understand and implement the NEPA process effectively and efficiently for their agency. Upon successful completion of this course, each participant will have a strong working knowledge of the foundation of the NEPA, as well as a thorough understanding of how to complete a NEPA process legally, effectively, and efficiently – adding real value to their agency and furthering their professional career.

You will learn:

- ✓ Foundation of NEPA – Background and Regulations (What is the NEPA?)
- ✓ Integrating the NEPA Process into Agency Decision-Making
- ✓ The Three Levels of the NEPA – Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements (What are the Triggers and Requirements of Each Level?)
- ✓ Developing the DOPAA (Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives) and the Scoping Process
- ✓ Other Tips and Techniques for a Successful NEPA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

Custom Course for the DOE/Fermi National Accelerator Lab

NEPA 101 - EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TRAINING COURSE

FINAL COURSE AGENDA

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- 8:00 AM** **Check-in & Get Seated**
- 8:15 AM** **Welcome & Course Introduction**
- 8:30 AM** ***Module 1a: An Introduction to the NEPA – The “Rules and Requirements”***
- 9:30 AM** **15-minute Break**
- 9:45 AM** ***Module 1b: The Three Levels of the NEPA – Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statement (CX, EA, & EIS)***
- 10:45 AM** ***Module 1c: What is the DOPAA? – The Art of NEPA***
- Noon** **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM** ***Module 1d: Finding the Purpose (and the Need)***
- 2:00 PM** ***Module 1e: What are the Five “Ws” (and an “H”)? Defining the Proposed Action and Identifying Alternatives***
- 3:00 PM** **15-minute Break**
- 3:15 PM** ***Module 2a: The Criticality of Great Alternatives’ Screening Criteria***
- 4:15 PM** ***Module 2b: So What is Scoping (and why is it so important)?***
- 5:00 PM** **Qs & As, Course Closure**
- 5:30 PM** **Adjourn for the Day**

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Brian W. Boose is the Vice President of Planitz, Inc., (www.planitz.com) a Certified woman-owned small disadvantaged business established in May 2008 to provide value-added, cost-effective National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related professional consulting services to the Federal government. Prior to 2008, Brian was a Vice President of AMEC, Inc., where he served as both a Federal Programs Manager and the NEPA Technical Service Line Lead since 1997. Brian has been practicing NEPA since 1989 across the nation, and has prepared more than 500 Environmental Assessments and over a dozen Environmental Impact Statements for a variety of Federal agencies. He has prepared NEPA documents for Federal clients in over 45 states and US territories.

Brian is an experienced NEPA practitioner, mentor, educator, and trainer of professional, adult students. Since 2008, Brian has taught over 500 students in over 30 NEPA training courses; participants include both Federal agency staff and private consultants. Subject matter covered includes all aspects of NEPA, from “NEPA 101” basics, through effective writing and managing NEPA projects and inter-disciplinary teams, to the intricacies and nuances of specific NEPA-related components. Brian’s friendly, knowledgeable teaching style, blended with over 20 years of practical, hands-on NEPA experience spanning the spectrum of agencies and proposed action types, provides instruction that is educational, entertaining, practical, and founded on real examples that provides real-time, real-value instruction for participants. Brian is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP). He has presented on a variety of NEPA topics at various Federal conferences over the last 10 years, including several on implementing the P.L.A.N.I.T. concept, which he pioneered in the late 1990’s. Brian graduated with a B.S. in Biological Sciences/Ecology from the University of California at Davis in 1990.

Brian and his wife Jann have been married for 22 years, and have three daughters, ages 13 through 19. They enjoy spending quiet days both working and relaxing on the family horse farm in rural northeastern Ohio, a historic property they have been restoring since 2001.