

**HUD Region IX Environmental Training  
Determining Level of NEPA Review Workshop  
September 8, 2021 – 1 pm to 3 pm PDT**

The HUD Region IX Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) will offer this live, on-line, training session to enable participants to better determine the appropriate level of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review by applying HUD regulation, policy, and guidance. The workshop will consist of approximately 10 case studies. Attendees will work alone or in small groups to determine the most appropriate level of NEPA review for each case study. The instructor will review responses, provide the correct determination, and explain the reason. The workshop will focus on the Part 58 regulations; however, because of the similarities between the Part 58 and Part 50 levels of NEPA review, individuals who work with the Part 50 regulations should also benefit from the training.

**Who should participate in the training?**

Candidates for this training include individuals that perform Part 58 or Part 50 environmental reviews. Staff representing a Responsible Entity (RE), a non-RE grant recipient, other HUD beneficiaries and partners, HUD, and consulting firms are welcome to attend. This is considered an advanced course, and participants should have experience determining whether projects qualify for an Exemption, a Categorical Exclusion Not Subject to 58.5 (CENST), a Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5 (CEST), or an Environmental Assessment (EA). Individuals lacking such working knowledge must review the recording of HUD Region IX OEE's training on Determining Level of NEPA Review from September 2020 (<https://hud.adobeconnect.com/p6p52ogevnjn/>) as a prerequisite to participation in this workshop. (Note that the recording will not play using Internet Explorer; most other popular web browsers are supported.)

**How do I register for the training?**

To register for the workshop, please visit <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=4145&update=N>. Registration will close September 1, 2021, or when 250 people have enrolled, whichever occurs first. (Please note that some organizations' firewalls may block access to the registration site. Contact your IT department if the registration link does not work or only goes to the HUD.gov main page.)

**How do I participate in the training?**

Registrants will receive an email invitation with a link to access the training a few days prior to the event.

**Are there any technological requirements?**

Microsoft Teams will be used for this training session. If you are not familiar with Teams and plan to join the training from work, please check with your IT department prior to the event to ensure that Teams is not blocked by your organization's firewall. Teams can be accessed through most web browsers, so there is no need to download software if you are not a Teams user.

### **Tell me more about HUD Region IX's 2021 environmental training plan**

In accordance with health and safety protocols associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD Region IX OEE will delivery free, live, on-line training in 2021. We will offer a series of trainings on individual topics throughout the year. A tentative list of subjects includes an Introduction to Part 58, HEROS for Part 58, HEROS for Part 50, Determining the Level of NEPA Review, Tiered Reviews, Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, the Part 55 Eight-Step Process, and Estimating Air Emissions for Clean Air Act Compliance. Each session will be advertised approximately 1 month in advance.

### **What if I still have questions?**

For additional information about HUD environmental training, please contact your local HUD Field Environmental Officer. We are organized geographically. If you are unsure who to contact, please look up your representative here:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/hud-environmental-staff-contacts/#region-ix-regional-and-field-environmental-officers>