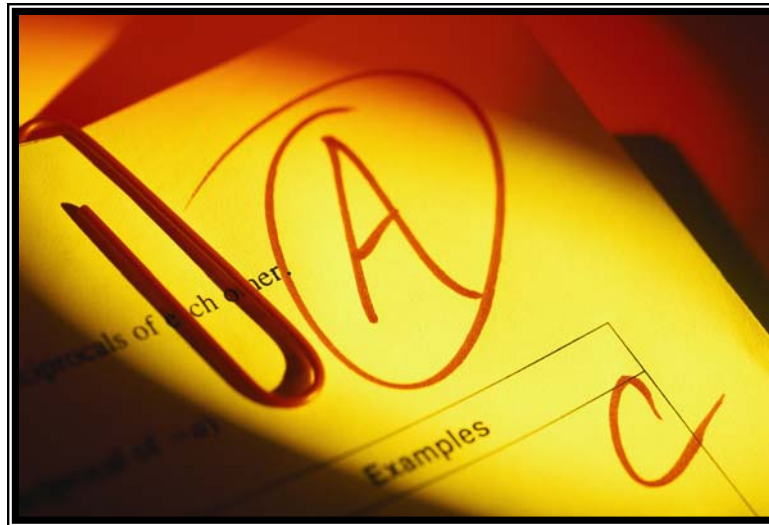


Education and Training for Developing and Managing High Quality NEPA Documents



Education and Training Task Team

- **The Goal of the Education and Training Task Team was to:**
 - *Establish the basic level of competency required for developing and managing high quality NEPA documents that result in successful project decision-making.*



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- **What is the basic level of “competency” required to develop and manage high quality NEPA documents?**
 - *Competencies* are the knowledge, skills, and experiences that define and control an employee's performance, role, or responsibility in a particular professional area.



Basic Level of “Competency”

- A. Having a solid understanding of the NEPA process for transportation project development process.**
- B. Being able to write and communicate clearly and in a concise form.**
- C. Having knowledge of other environmental/design areas and know how to utilize other professionals’ expertise for effective decision-making.**



Appendix C: Training Course Evaluations

Legend	
	75 - 100% Criteria Fulfilled
	25 - 75% Criteria Fulfilled
	0 - 25% Criteria Fulfilled
	No: Applicable

Sponsoring Institution	Course Title	Planning 101	NEPA 101	Clear Environmental Writing	Project Management	Communication	Interdisciplinary Approach	Public Involvement	Community Impact Assessment	Environmental Justice (EJ)	Context Sensitive Solutions	Purpose and Need	Scoping	Design and Engineering	Section 4(f)	Air Quality	Water Quality	Endangered Species	Wetlands	Indirect & Cumulative Impacts	Hazardous Materials	Noise
NEPA Overview Courses																						
Alaska DOT	Environmental Procedures for Federal Aid Programs in AK																					
American Law Institute/American Bar Association	Environmental Impact Assessment																					
CLE, International	NEPA: Your Definitive & Practical Guide																					
Environmental Planning Strategies	Powerful Planning Using NEPA																					
Environmental Training & Consulting, Inc	Essentials for NEPA Practitioners																					
Environmental Training & Consulting, Inc	Facilitating the NEPA Process																					
FHWA National Highway Institute	Linking Planning & NEPA																					
FHWA National Highway Institute	NEPA and the Transportation Decision Making Process																					
Indiana DOT	Indiana & the Transportation Decisionmaking Process																					
Ohio DOT	NEPA Training Course																					
Shiple Group	How to Manage the NEPA Process & Write Effective Documents																					
Shiple Group	Overview of the NEPA Process																					
Shiple Group	Transportation NEPA																					
SWCA	Comprehensive NEPA																					
Tetra Tech	NEPA Workshop																					
Targeted NEPA Courses																						
Arizona DOT	Developing the Purpose & Need for NEPA Documents																					
Duke Environmental Leadership Program	Accounting for Cumulative Effects in the NEPA Process																					
Duke Environmental Leadership Program	Making the NEPA Process More Efficient: Scoping & Public Participation																					
Environmental Planning Strategies	Conducting Quality Cumulative Impact Analysis under NEPA																					
Environmental Planning Strategies	Powerful Planning Focusing on Purpose & Need																					

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Results

- Environmental training classes are available. However, are those classes covering what today's professionals need to know in order to produce high quality NEPA decisions?
- This effort certainly shows that no “bar” exists today.
- The good news is that the matrix shows a lot of “yellow”. (Room for improvement.)



Where do we go next?

- Partner with Others in the Education and Training Area. – Namely ECB.
- Expand upon ECB's work on course listing.
- Review course evaluation criteria with others.
- Survey all classes and make improvement recommendations.
- Determine if program or “bar” is needed.



Questions?

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