



Environmental Justice
Leadership Forum

NEPA ALERT # 2

A PROPOSED NEPA RULE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is considering updating its implementing regulations for the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Most statutory provisions require or allow some consideration of costs and benefits when setting pollution standards, but there is variation in terminology and specificity provided in each law regarding the nature and scope of the cost and benefit considerations.
- In this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM), EPA is soliciting comments on whether and how EPA should communicate regulations that provide a consistent and transparent interpretation relating to the consideration of weighing costs and benefits in making regulatory decisions in a manner consistent with applicable authorizing statutes.
- EPA is also soliciting comments on whether and how these regulations, if promulgated, could also prescribe specific analytic approaches to quantifying the costs and benefits of EPA regulations.
- This ANPRM does not propose any regulatory requirements.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- The comment period has been extended to August 20, 2018
- Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0107 at <http://www.regulations.gov>
- For further information on this document, please contact Elizabeth Kopits, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code 1809T, Washington, DC 20460; (202) 566-2299; kopits.elizabeth@epa.gov.

Links with more information

epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-pruitt-proposes-cost-benefit-analysis-reform

federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/13/2018-12707/increasing-consistency-and-transparency-in-considering-costs-and-benefits-in-the-rulemaking-process

epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets

federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/20/2018-13246/update-to-the-regulations-for-implementing-the-procedural-provisions-of-the-national-environmental

Acronyms and Definitions

- ANPRM- advance notice of proposed rule making
- CEQ- Council on Environmental Quality
- NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act