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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide instructions for complying with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and the Department of the Interior's manual guidance on the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (516 DM 1-7). This Handbook is intended for use by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials responsible for oversight of and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within their program area and the BLM personnel responsible for preparing NEPA documents.

The objectives of this Handbook are: to establish systematic practices for integrating the procedural requirements of NEPA into the planning and decisionmaking processes used by the BLM; to ensure a logical and coherent record of NEPA compliance within the BLM; and to promote efficiency in the preparation and documentation of NEPA documents by reducing delays and eliminating unnecessary paperwork;

Statutes, regulations and other guidance documents pertaining to NEPA are listed in Appendix 1.