

Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Federal Forum Meeting

DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern

Time *Topic*

1:00pm **Welcome & Introductions**

Steph Kavanaugh (NCECR)

1:15pm **General Updates from CEQ & NCECR**

CEQ: Jomar Maldonado Vazquez, Associate Director for NEPA and Jayni Hein, Senior Director for NEPA & Counsel

NCECR: Brian Manwaring, Director

1:30pm **Discussion Topic: Effective Elevation Procedures in NEPA**

Objective: Gather feedback from Forum members on challenges and potential ways to improve the elevation process and procedures under NEPA (as outlined in 40 C.F.R. Part 1504).

Focusing Questions:

1. What challenges have you encountered during any stage of interagency collaboration (either as a lead or cooperating agency) during a NEPA process that led to our could have led to formal elevation under 40 C.F.R Part 1504?
2. How could these challenges be addressed?

2:30pm **ADJOURN**