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Dear Colleagues:

I hope you will join me at our second annual National Environmental Policy Act Seminar in Austin. Our first program received favorable reviews and several useful comments. We have structured the 2005 one-day Seminar both to cover the basic provisions of NEPA, which has been referred to as our national environmental blueprint, as well as to provide an in-depth look at interesting and developing applications of NEPA in a variety of contexts.



Alan M. Glen, Esq.
Program Chair

We are fortunate to have assembled a faculty of highly experienced NEPA professionals. If you are working with NEPA in Texas, you will want to attend this Seminar.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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Morning 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon 1:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 **Introduction and Welcome**
Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Chair
Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin
- 8:45 **Overview of NEPA**
Terms, Procedures and Triggers
Professor J.B. Ruhl, Esq.
Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee
- 9:30 **Anatomy of an Environmental Impact Statement**
Understanding the Process
Debbie Taylor, Director of Environmental Planning
HNTB, Houston
- 10:15 Morning Break
- 10:30 **Resource Assessment and Agency Coordination**
What You Need to Know
Tom Van Zandt, Senior Project Manager
Hicks & Company, Austin
- 11:15 **Indirect and Cumulative Effects**
Practical Analyses
Cecilia Green, Vice President, Senior Division Manager,
and
Joseph Shalkowski, NEPA Group Leader, Transportation
PBS&J, Austin
- 12:00 Lunch Break



- 1:15 **NEPA Litigation**
A Review of Key Cases and Issues Commonly Litigated
Craig M. Douglas, Esq.
Smith, Robertson, Elliott, Glen, Klein & Bell, Austin
- 2:00 **Transportation Panel**
Issues and Approaches to NEPA Compliance
Michael J. Weaver, Principal
Prime Strategies, Austin
Trans-Texas Corridor
Doug Booher, Environmental Manager
Texas Turnpike Authority Division
Texas Department of Transportation, Austin
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Peter Mostow, Esq.
Stoel Rives, Portland
- 3:00 **Other Projects and Processes Panel**
Alan M. Glen, Esq., Program Chair, Moderator
Lower Colorado River Authority Processes
Sherri Kuhl, Manager, Environmental Leadership
Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin
Patriot Project—Gas Pipeline
Joey Mahmoud, Program Manager
PBS&J, Houston
Alcoa Mine Expansion
C. Lee Sherrod, Principal and Consulting Biologist
Horizon Environmental Services, Austin
- 4:15 **Coordinating NEPA with Species and Wetlands Consultations**
Steven W. Carothers, PhD
Aquatic and Terrestrial Biologist
SWCA Environmental Consultants, Austin
- 4:45 **Environmental View**
NEPA Trends and Developments
John Fritchie, Esq.
Save Our Springs Alliance, Austin
- 5:15 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:30 Adjourn to Private Reception Sponsored By:
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<p>Program Chair Alan M. Glen has extensive experience representing both public and private entities in NEPA processes. He is also recognized as a leading expert on the Endangered Species Act and its interactions with other federal laws, including NEPA and the Clean Water Act. He is a frequent speaker and writer on these topics.</p>	<p>Sherri Kuhl is currently responsible for implementing environmental leadership programs for the LCRA. Her experience includes threatened and endangered species, monitoring proposed environmental legislation, providing guidance regarding state and federal fish and wildlife regulation compliance, the development of habitat conservation plans and conducting environmental assessments for construction projects.</p>	<p>Joseph Shalkowski has nearly 20 years of experience in advancing large-scale programs and projects through the NEPA/Project Development Process. He is located at the I-69/Trans Texas Corridor program office in Austin. He also serves as NEPA Group Leader for his company's central region and is an active Transportation Research Board committee member.</p>
<p>Doug Booher has extensive expertise with ESA-related issues, especially in the areas of habitat conservation planning and compliance. He also has experience with NEPA compliance relating to transportation and infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Steven W. Carothers is founder of his company and has over 30 years' experience in environmental planning, ecological research, natural resource management and compliance.</p>	<p>Joey Mahmoud currently manages PBS&J's Houston Ecology and Energy Program and serves as a Senior Project Manager/Scientist for large interstate natural gas pipeline projects across the United States. His specialties include NEPA documentation for energy projects as well as ESA consultations and CWA permitting.</p> <p>Peter Mostow concentrates his practice in the areas of natural resources and land use law. He guides clients through the siting and environmental permitting process for gas-fired, wind, geothermal and hydroelectric power plants as well as underground natural gas storage facilities and gas pipelines. He assists clients with the ESA, NEPA, water rights and water quality issues associated with their development projects.</p>	<p>Debbie Taylor has more than 19 years of experience in transportation planning, including 13 years with the DOT in Houston. She currently serves as the statewide director of HNTB's environmental planning practice. She has worked on a variety of EIS documents including toll and non-toll transportation projects statewide.</p> <p>Tom Van Zandt has more than 25 years of experience in the field of environmental management. A founding Principal of his company, he has managed projects dealing with many types of infrastructural developments and compliance issues, from rail, highway, and airport EISs to habitat conservation plans and ground water regulatory assessments. He was the EIS Project Manager for TxDOT's SH 130 project, the first and largest design-build project in Texas. He now serves as Environmental Compliance Manager for SH 130.</p>
<p>Craig M. Douglas focuses his environmental practice on regulation and litigation regarding land and natural resource use activities, including land development, resource extraction, transportation, agricultural and ranching operations, and water rights.</p> <p>John Fritchie currently uses his expertise in ESA, NEPA and CWA, Section 404 (especially the Corps' nationwide permits) litigation in his work with his nonprofit organization. When he is not litigating, he is focusing on regional planning and conservation, cumulative effects and environmental impacts of suburban sprawl and private land development. Prior to his current position, he represented the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Indian Riverkeeper, Sierra Club and local citizens groups.</p> <p>Cecilia Green manages a staff of about 70 ecologists and planners in Texas and Louisiana. She has over 24 years of experience in environmental consulting and has considerable experience in the management of multidisciplinary projects and compliance with federal and state regulatory programs.</p>	<p>J.B. Ruhl has achieved national recognition in the fields of wetlands, environmental impact analysis, endangered species, and ecosystem management law and policy. He teaches courses at Florida State University College of Law in environmental law, land use and property. Prior to entering teaching, he practiced law for 12 years, working on land use and environmental law issues.</p> <p>C. Lee Sherrod specializes in endangered species, terrestrial and wetland ecology and environmental assessments. He has 25 years' experience in these fields and has been qualified as an expert witness in federal court proceedings regarding wetlands and endangered species.</p>	<p>Michael J. Weaver represents both regulatory agencies and landowners in the development of administrative rules and regulations, ordinances, and special district legislation/creation. His firm provides direction and assistance on legislative issues and administrative policies affecting the transportation industry, and he has particular expertise in infrastructure financing mechanisms.</p> <p>CLE International Program Attorney: Laurie Davies, laurie@cle.com</p>

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