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## **A Special Keynote Presentation:**

### **The Current State and the Future of NEPA**

**Horst G. Greczmiel, Director, NEPA Task Force**

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**Monday, February 13****Tuesday, February 14**

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

**9:00 Introduction and Welcome***James W. "Skip" Spensley, Esq., Program Chair  
Spensley & Associates, Denver***9:15 NEPA Overview**

Framing the Current Issues

*James W. "Skip" Spensley, Esq., Program Chair*

10:00 Morning Break

**10:15 Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act**

Integrating NEPA into the Transportation Planning Process

*Alison L. Taylor, Esq., Minority Chief Counsel  
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Washington, DC***11:00 The Colorado Department of Transportation and NEPA**

Current Projects, Challenges and Opportunities

*Brad Beckham, Environmental Program Manager  
Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver***11:45 Q&A Panel***Members of the Faculty*

12:00 Lunch Break

**1:15 The Federal Highway Administration's NEPA Approach**

Recent Regulatory Changes: SAFETEA

*Michael E. Vanderhoof  
Environmental Program Manager  
Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division, Lakewood***2:00 The Federal Transit Administration's NEPA Approach**

An Update on Policies and Projects

*Susan V. Martin, Esq., Regional Counsel  
Federal Transit Administration, Lakewood*

2:45 Afternoon Break

**3:00 NEPA and the Clean Air Act**

The Environmental Protection Agency's 309 Review Process

*Larry Svoboda, NEPA Program Director, Region 8  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Denver***3:45 Transportation Issues Panel**

Hot NEPA Issues and Current Trends

*Brad Beckham, Environmental Program Manager  
Dave Beckhouse, Community Planner  
Federal Transit Administration, Denver  
Dave Shelley, Manager, Corridor and Regional Planning  
Regional Transportation District, Denver  
Michael E. Vanderhoof  
Environmental Program Manager  
Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division  
Lakewood**James W. "Skip" Spensley, Esq., Program Chair*

5:00 Adjourn

8:00 Continental Breakfast

**8:30 Overview of Day Two***James W. "Skip" Spensley, Esq., Program Chair***8:45 Keynote Presentation**

The Current State and the Future of NEPA

*Horst G. Greczmiel, Director, NEPA Task Force  
Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC  
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The Relationship Between Section 106 Review and NEPA

*Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director for the  
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and  
Amy Pallante, Section 106 Compliance Coordinator  
Colorado Historical Society, Denver*

10:00 Morning Break

**10:15 NEPA and Public Involvement**

Considerations for the Decision Making Process

*R.A. Plummer, PE, AICP, Vice President  
PBS&J, Denver***11:00 Cumulative and Indirect Impact Analysis**

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*Gina L. McAfee, Principal  
Carter & Burgess, Denver  
Stanley Elmquist, Planning & Environmental Manager  
Colorado Department of Transportation, Greeley*

12:00 Lunch Break

**1:15 NEPA Litigation**

Recent Court Developments

*Robert Tuchman, Esq.  
Holme Roberts & Owen, Denver***2:00 The Section 404 Merger Process**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Perspective

*Timothy T. Carey, Chief of Denver Regulatory Office  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Littleton*

2:45 Afternoon Break

**3:00 NEPA and Transportation Planning**

Panel Discussion

*Sharleen Bakeman, NEPA Program Manager  
Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver  
Stanley Elmquist, Planning & Environmental Manager  
Liz Telford, AICP, Manager of Corridor Planning  
Regional Transportation District, Denver  
Timothy T. Carey, Chief of Denver Regulatory Office***4:00 Ethics**

Considerations for the Environmental Practitioner

*Alec Rothrock, Esq.  
Burns, Figa & Will, Denver*

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

# meet your faculty

<p><b>Program Chair</b>  <b>James W. "Skip" Spensley</b> has been an environmental attorney for over 25 years, and is a nationally-known expert on NEPA. He is an adjunct professor and has taught at the University of Colorado, the University of Denver Law School and the Graduate Environmental Management and Policy Program.</p>	<p><b>Dan Corson</b> serves as Intergovernmental Services Director for the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, a division of the Colorado Historical Society, supervising rehabilitation tax credit review, federal and state agency compliance, and local government programs.</p>	<p><b>Larry Svoboda</b> has over 20 years' experience with EPA Region 8 working in several capacities that involve NEPA. He has held several leadership positions that oversee the EPA's work with other states and agencies throughout the region to improve air quality.</p>
<p><b>Keynote Presenter</b>  <b>Horst G. Greczmiel</b> is responsible for overseeing and implementing the NEPA and CEQA mandates to ensure that federal agencies integrate environmental values into decision-making and serves as the Director of the NEPA Task Force.</p>	<p><b>Stanley Elmquist</b> is an expert in environmental issues related to surface transportation planning. He has been with Colorado Department of Transportation for 30 years.</p>	<p><b>Alison L. Taylor</b> is Minority Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ms. Taylor is responsible for drafting and negotiating legislation in all areas of the Committee's jurisdiction, including clean air, clean water, endangered species, hazardous waste, disaster relief, public works and transportation.</p>
<p><b>Sharleen Bakeman</b> is the NEPA Program Manager for the Colorado Department of Transportation. She provides expertise for general NEPA issues across the state.</p> <p><b>Brad Beckham</b> is the Environmental Programs Branch Manager for the Colorado Department of Transportation, which is responsible for reviewing environmental documents, securing clearances from resource agencies, developing programmatic agreements and assisting in formulating environmental policy.</p> <p><b>David Beckhouse</b> is a community planner for the Federal Transit Administration. He has 10 years of experience in planning and NEPA.</p> <p><b>Timothy T. Carey</b> has 30 years' experience in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. For the past 15 years, he has served as Chief of the Omaha District's Denver Regulatory Office, where he is responsible for administration of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act in northeast Colorado.</p>	<p><b>Susan V. Martin</b> has been the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regional Counsel in Denver for over 7 years. Previously, she was Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Assistant Regional Counsel for 10 years.</p> <p><b>Gina L. McAfee</b> prepares environmental assessments, including air quality impact, expected induced growth at interchanges, wetland impact, noise increases, wildlife movement impact, and archeological resource impact.</p> <p><b>Amy Pallante</b> is the Section 106 compliance coordinator at the Colorado Historical Society.</p> <p><b>R.A. Plummer</b> is a registered professional engineer and a certified planner in Colorado, and has 12 years' experience in transportation engineering and planning.</p> <p><b>Alec Rothrock</b> practices legal ethics, discipline and liability, the unauthorized practice of law, and civil litigation. He is the author of the book <i>Essays on Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct in Colorado</i>.</p> <p><b>Dave Shelley</b> is the manager of corridor and regional planning at the Regional Transportation District (RTD). He is responsible for long-range planning activities.</p>	<p><b>Liz Telford</b> is the Manager of Corridor Planning-Environmental for the Regional Transportation District. She is responsible for environmental analysis quality control on multiple corridors and has managed large multi-modal environmental projects.</p> <p><b>Robert Tuchman</b> represents clients in environmental matters, including administrative, judicial, personal injury, toxic tort, property damage, NEPA and insurance disputes. He also handles Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund) cases.</p> <p><b>Michael E. Vanderhoof</b> is the Environmental Program Manager for the Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division. His duties are split between program and project level work. He has 11 years of experience in transportation project development and NEPA.</p> <p><b>CLE International Managing Program Attorney: Heidi A. Ray, <a href="mailto:heidi@cle.com">heidi@cle.com</a>.</b></p>

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