

# POLLUTION PREVENTION IN NEPA

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## INTRODUCTION

Pollution prevention is a vital part of comprehensive environmental planning, and numerous laws, regulations, and other guidance direct agencies, industry, and the public to incorporate pollution prevention components into new and ongoing environmental programs.

This brief protocol is based on the CEQ guidance of 1993. Through a series of questions, it asks agency planners to think about the implications of their plans, projects, and programs on preventing pollution, and specifically guides agency officials to identify pollution prevention methods, issues, and aspects into all stages of environmental planning under NEPA.

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### Project Name:

#### Internal or Pre-Scoping:

- Have Pollution Prevention concepts and methods been built into the proposal and alternatives?
- Have the lead and any cooperating agencies identified Pollution Prevention as an issue for discussion at interagency meetings?

#### External or Public Scoping:

- Has the public been notified of the Pollution Prevention aspects of the proposal and alternatives?
- Have comments been solicited on how Pollution Prevention could be better integrated into the proposal and alternatives?

#### Mitigation:

- Has Pollution Prevention been identified as a potential mitigation measure?
- Has Pollution Prevention been addressed in the Environmental Consequences section of the EA or EIS?

**Decision Document:**

- Has Pollution Prevention been identified in the decision document (FONSI, decision memo or equivalent, or ROD) for the project?
- Has a plan been developed to carry out any Pollution Prevention measures relied on to reach a FONSI after an Environmental Assessment?
- Has a monitoring plan been identified to ensure any Pollution Prevention measures committed to in a ROD or other decision document are monitored?
- Has an enforcement plan been identified to ensure any Pollution Prevention measures committed to in a ROD or other decision document are enforced?