

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

## Membership Application



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## NAEP

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# NAEP Membership Application

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## To Help Us Serve You Better

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Academe Consulting Contracting Government Industry Military National Lab Nonprofit Private Sector Utility Other\_

Discipline (Circle one or two) Administrator

Architect Engineer Faculty Lawyer Manager Planner Student Scientist Other

Specialty Area (Circle one or two)

Audit

Compliance

Impact Assessment

Monitoring

Protection

Regulation/Policy

Research

Resource Management

Technology & Design

Other

Focus

(Circle one or two)

Air

Ecology NEPA

Noise

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Soil Water Waste

Wetlands

Other

How Many Years in the Field?

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# **NAEP Chapters**

In addition to membership in the national Association, NAEP maintains a network of regional, state, local and student chapters that offer additional opportunities for professional growth. Check below if you would like to join one of the chapters and include applicable dues in addition to the amount for NAEP membership.

State/Local Chapters

0	Alaska	\$25/year
O	Arizona	\$30/year
O	California	\$150/year
O	Florida	\$40/year
O	Georgia	\$30/year
O	Hawaii	\$30/year
O	Illinois	\$40/year
O	Mid-America (IA, KS, MO, NE)	\$15/year
O	Mid-Atlantic (DC, MD, VA)	\$40/year
O	North Carolina	\$40/year
O	Northwest (OR & WA)	\$45/year
O	Texas (select one)	
0	North Texas	\$35/year
0	Texas	\$50/year

Please remember to ONLY use the box below if you are joining FAEP (the Florida Chapter of NAEP) or renewing your FAEP (the Florida Chapter of NAEP) membership. Questions call Tim Bower at 856-283-7816. For FAEP (Florida) State and FAEP Chapter membership is required; however, you may join more than one FAEP local chapter. Please only use this field if you are joining or renewing your FAEP membership. FAEP local chapters rates are as follows:

- O FAEP Central Chapter \$20/year
- O FAEP Northeast Chapter \$25/year
- O FAEP Northwest Chapter \$20/year
- O FAEP South Chapter \$15/year
- O FAEP South Student Chapter \$10/year
- O FAEP Southwest Chapter \$15/year
- O FAEP Tallahassee Chapter \$15/year
- O FAEP Tampa Bay Chapter \$40/year
- O FAEP Tampa Bay Student Chapter \$10/year
- O FAEP Treasure Coast Chapter \$20/year

NAEP Membership is individual (not your company's) and non-transferable. NAEP Corporate memberships are available; please contact the national office for more information. Your national dues (see page 1) include a subscription to our journal, Environmental Practice. Chapter dues are collected by NAEP on behalf of the affiliated chapters and passed to them along with your name and address. Some chapters are more active than others.

Send the completed application to:

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#### Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice for Environmental Professionals

The objectives of Environmental Professionals are to conduct their personal and professional lives and activities in an ethical manner. Honesty, justice and courtesy form moral philosophy which, associated with a mutual interest among people, constitute the foundation of ethics. Environmental Professionals should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct and way of life. It is their duty to practice their profession according to this Code of Ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, Environmental Professionals will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their employers, clients, with fairness and impartiality to all. It is their duty to interest themselves in public welfare, and to be ready to apply their special knowledge for the benefit of mankind and their environment.

#### Creed

The objectives of an Environmental Professional are:

- 1. to recognize and attempt to reconcile societal and individual human needs with responsibility for physical, natural, and cultural systems.
- 2. to promote and develop policies, plans, activities and projects that achieve complementary and mutual support between natural and man-made, and present and future components of the physical, natural and cultural environment.

#### **Ethics**

As an Environmental Professional I will:

- 1. be personally responsible for the validity of all data collected, analyses performed, or plans developed by me or under my direction. I will be responsible and ethical in my professional activities.
- 2. encourage research, planning, design, management and review of activities in a scientifically and technically objective manner. I will incorporate the best principles of the environmental sciences for the mitigation of environmental harm and enhancement of environmental quality.
- 3. not condone misrepresentation of work I have performed or that was performed under my direction.
- 4. examine all of my relationships or actions, which could be legitimately interpreted as a conflict of interest by clients, officials, the public or peers. In any instance where I have financial or personal interest in the activities with which they are directly or indirectly involved, I will make a full disclosure of that interest to my employer, client, or other affected parties.
- 5. not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation or discrimination.
- 6. not accept fees wholly or partially contingent on the client's desired result where that desired result conflicts with my professional judgment.

#### Guidance for Practice as an Environmental Professional

As an Environmental Professional I will:

- 1. encourage environmental planning to begin in the earliest stages of project conceptualization.
- recognize that total environmental management involves the consideration of all environmental factors including: technical, economical, ecological, and sociopolitical and their relationships.
- 3. incorporate the best principle of design and environmental planning when recommending measures to reduce environmental harm and enhance environmental quality.
- 4. conduct my analysis, planning, design and review my activities primarily in subject areas for which I am qualified, and shall encourage and recognize that participation of other professionals in subject areas where I am less experienced. I shall utilize and participate in interdisciplinary teams wherever practical to determine impacts, define and evaluate all reasonable alternatives to proposed actions, and assess short-term versus long-term productivity with and without the project or action.
- seek common, adequate, and sound technical grounds for communication with and respect for the contributions of other professionals in developing and reviewing policies, plans, activities and projects.
- 6. determine that the policies, plans, activities or projects in which I am involved are consistent with all governing laws, ordinances, guidelines, plans and policies to the best of my knowledge and ability.
- 7. encourage public participation at the earliest feasible time in an open and productive atmosphere.
- 8. conduct my professional activities in a manner that ensures consideration of technically and economically feasible alternatives.

#### Encourage Development of the Profession

As an Environmental Professional I will:

- 1. assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of my profession.
- 2. encourage education and research and the development of useful technical information relating to the environmental field.
- 3. be prohibited from lobbying in the name of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.
- advertise and present my services in a manner that avoids the use of material and methods that may bring discredit to the profession

#### AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm and agree that I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the Association. I further understand that falsification of the contents of this application will be grounds for rejection and/or termination of my Association membership and revocation of all benefits resulting there from.

there from.		
Signature	Date	
Name of NAEP Member who gave you this application (if known)		

# Environmental Practice: Call for Papers

## **INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS**

nvironmental Practice is an English-language journal published quarterly by the National Association of Environmental Professionals. It serves an international audience of environmental professionals in practice and research. Environmental Practice is peer reviewed and accepts original manuscripts that have not previously been published in whole or in part in a peer-reviewed journal or in a widely available publication, either print or electronic.

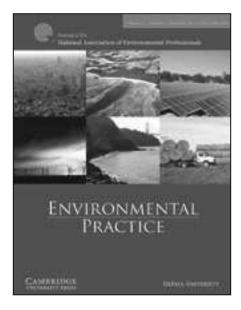
Priority for publication is given to manuscripts that offer clear, insightful views on an environmental problem from an interdisciplinary perspective. *Environmental Practice* seeks especially to publish studies that link data and findings in science and technology with issues of public policy, health, environmental quality, law, political economy, management.

Manuscripts are accepted throughout the year.

#### **Kinds of Manuscripts Sought**

Environmental Practice publishes several categories of manuscripts as described below. Two of these categories, Research Articles, and Environmental Reviews and Case Studies, are peer reviewed.

**Research Articles:** Manuscripts that report the results of systematic study on an environmental problem. Typically, research articles will (a) report the results of formal research or (b) summarize systematic analysis of one or more case studies of particular interest. Environmen-



tal professionals in academic or research laboratory settings may be more likely to submit formal research manuscripts. Professionals in consulting practice, agencies, or other organizations may be more likely to submit manuscripts based on case studies. Under most circumstances, Research Articles will not be over 5000 words of text. Most will be substantially shorter. Tables, figures, and reference lists need not be included in the word count. All Research Articles are peer reviewed. 2

Environmental Reviews and Case Studies: Manuscripts that organize and summarize a research literature similar to a meta-analysis. These manuscripts help clarify a problem, illustrate policy-making processes, or assist in pointing out discrepancies in the research of the topic over time, with greater emphasis placed on the details of a project than on data analysis. Case study oriented manuscripts provide readers with a unique insight on

a development in the professional field using a case as an example or illustration; simple project reports will not be accepted. Environmental Reviews and Case Studies will generally be about 6000 words of text. Tables, figures, and reference lists need not be included in the word count. All Environmental Reviews and Case Studies are peer reviewed.

**Reviews:** Manuscripts that portray the content, quality, and significance of books or films of wide interest to environmental professionals and their practices. Reviews should normally not exceed 750 words, but with the approval of the editor may reach 1500 words.

#### **Perspectives from the Field:**

Statements of informed opinion intended to provoke discussion and debate on particular issues. These manuscripts will generally range from 500 to 1000 words. Such manuscripts will not be subject to peer review, because they are personal opinion; however, the editor may seek advice on matters of tone and fairness.

**Dialogue:** Responses to other manuscripts or controversies within the professional or academic discipline. These manuscripts will generally range from 50 to 500 words, and take the form of a letter to the editor. Dialogues will not be peer reviewed, but they may be used to solicit responses from others for simultaneous publication.

Contact: Ruth Gaulke at ruth.gaulke@gmail.com



#### **National Association of Environmental Professionals**

## NAEP Jim Roberts 2017 Scholarship Nomination Information

## \*\*\*\*SUBMISSION DEADLINE December 16, 2016\*\*\*\*

NAEP announces the kickoff of the competition for the 2017 Jim Roberts Scholarship Award to be awarded at the NAEP 2017 Annual Conference in Durham, NC on March 27-30, 2017. Submissions are due Friday, December 16, 2016. For complete information and access to the submission form please visit <u>WWW.NAEP.ORG</u>

Jim Roberts was a great leader committed to professionalism and ethics in the environmental field. In 2008, the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) Board of Directors approved the formation of the Jim Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund to continue Jim's good work and encourage others to follow in his commitment to the industry.

Jim served as President of NAEP from 1996 until 1998 and Vice-President from 2003-2004. He also held other leadership roles including:

- NAEP International Committee Chair (1994-2007)
- NAEP President's Council for Sustainable Success Chair (1997)
- NAEP Ethics Committee Chair (2000 2007)
- NAEP Parliamentarian (2006 2007)

The Scholarship Committee has made decisions on several aspects of the award. It will be awarded annually at the annual NAEP conference to a student currently enrolled in an environmental program at any accredited university or college in the United States, its territories or Canada. Official applications will be provided on the NAEP website.

Students supply basic information, transcripts and prepare an essay including their personal reflection on how education will support ethical work on environmental problems. The applications are evaluated by the Scholarship Committee and one honoree receives an award between \$500-\$1000, depending on the available endowment. These awards can be used for education expenses including tuition and books.

For complete information and access to the submission form please visit <u>WWW.NAEP.ORG</u>

For any questions or inquiries about the NAEP Environmental Excellence Awards contact: Abby Murray

**NAEP Headquarters** 

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#### Dear Sponsors and Exhibitors:

The National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) and its North Carolina chapter (NCAEP) cordially invite you to participate and exhibit at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference which will be held March 27-30, 2017 in Durham, North Carolina. The conference will take place at the Durham Convention Center, and a block of conference-rated sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Durham Marriott City Center. Building on the success of prior conferences, we anticipate approximately 400 attendees and are sure you will enjoy networking opportunities to demonstrate and discuss your company's products and services.

The exhibit hall will open formally on Monday evening, March 27 with the Opening Networking Reception to which all conference participants are invited. Exhibit booth and table top set-up is scheduled for Monday afternoon. Exhibits close Thursday afternoon, March 30.

Please note the following exciting changes which we have implemented for 2017:

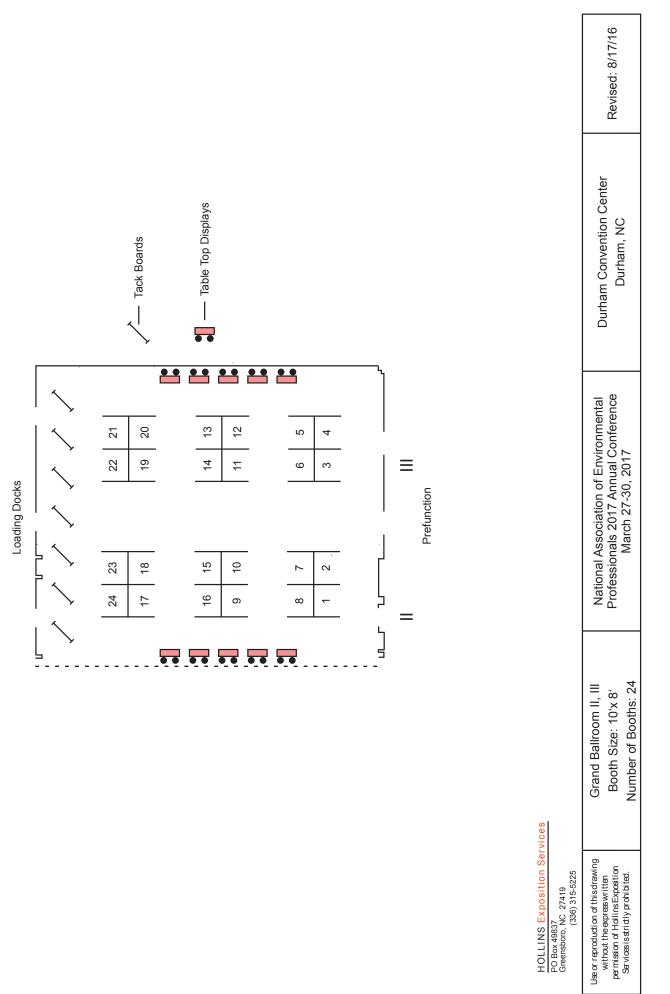
- Exhibitors will be provided with an eight-by-ten pipe-and-draped booth, a table, two
  chairs, a wastebasket, and a company ID sign. A general services contractor (decorator)
  will be available to assist you with any freight or additional furniture needs which you
  might have.
- The exhibit hall is located on the main hallway of the convention center, next to the general sessions and a few steps away from the various concurrent breakout rooms.
- Every effort has been made this year to offer sponsors and exhibitors full access to every attendee who enters the exhibit hall. When you look at the floor plan, note that every booth has two (2) open sides from which to engage attendees. Both horizontal and vertical aisles have deliberately been made wider so that all food and beverage will be interspersed among the exhibits. There will also be several high cocktail tables scattered throughout. The exact placement of these will be determined closer to the conference.
- All morning and afternoon breaks and the two continental breakfasts will be placed in the exhibit hall. Preliminary planning calls for a dedicated poster session in the hall which not only will add another exhibit hall event but also will provide several participants the chance to showcase their work by speaking peer-to-peer with other conference attendees.
- The Opening Networking Reception will offer several food stations and space for attendees to mix and mingle. Naturally you are invited to participate in all social events held in the exhibit hall.
- o There is complimentary Wi-Fi offered throughout the Durham Convention Center.

Diamond, Platinum, Quantum, and Gold sponsors and exhibitors will receive at least one (1) complimentary full conference registration. (Please see the accompanying paperwork for the tiers of

sponsorship.) Table-top exhibitors will receive a one-day registration to attend the conference on the day of your choice. Additional registrations, of course, can be purchased at the regular conference rates.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Durham.

John Jamison 2017 Conference Co-Chair



# PROFESSIONALS 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE DURHAM CONVENTION CENTER DURHAM, NC – MARCH 27 - 30, 2017

#### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### All sponsors and exhibitors will receive:

- Recognition in the final program
- Recognition in the exhibit/meeting area
- Recognition on screen before general sessions and luncheons

#### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

- Advance program (Register by November 11, 2016)
- Final program (All materials no later than February 6, 2017)

#### **DIAMOND SPONSOR** \$20,000 (one available)

- Company branding on all printed materials throughout the conference
- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Exclusive recognition as the major sponsor of your choice of President's Reception, Opening Session, or Keynote Luncheon
- Exhibit booth in prime location in the exhibit hall
- Four (4) full conference registrations
- Two (2) full-page advertisements in the final program
- Company logo on lanyards and promotional item if utilized
- Company literature on display table in registration area
- Option to place a welcome gift in attendees' hotel rooms
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)
- One (1) year corporate membership

#### PLATINUM SPONSOR \$10,000

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Exclusive recognition as a major sponsor of your choice of Welcome Reception, Opening Session, or Keynote Event
- Exhibit booth
- Three (3) full conference registrations
- Full-page advertisement on the back cover or inside front cover of the final program
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)

#### **QUANTUM SPONSOR \$7,500**

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Recognition as a major sponsor of your choice of Welcome Reception or a Keynote Luncheon
- Exhibit booth
- Two (2) full conference registrations
- Full-page advertisement in the final program
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)

#### **GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000**

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Exclusive sponsorship of a breakout room with in-room recognition and a literature display table
- Exhibit booth
- One (1) full conference registration
- One-half page advertisement in the final program
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)

#### SILVER SPONSOR \$2,500

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Recognition as a sponsor on conference signage
- One (1) table-top space
- One (1) full conference registration
- One-quarter page advertisement in the final program
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)

#### **COPPER SPONSOR \$1,500**

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Recognition as a sponsor on conference signage
- Two (2) meal tickets for a lunch
- One (1) quarter page advertisement in the final program
- Pre- and post-conference attendee lists (excluding opt-outs)

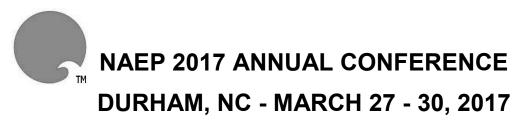
#### **BRONZE SPONSOR \$750**

- Your logo on the NAEP web site plus link to your web site
- Recognition as a sponsor on conference signage
- Business card size advertisement in the final program

#### OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Audiovisual
- Conference App
- President's Dinner
- Luncheon
- Breaks, specific sessions, etc.

Call Ann Mitchell at 856-793-0782 for further information.



NAEP Sponsor, Exhibitor and Program Ad Registration Form

Company Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Name:		
Phone:	Fax:	
E-Mail:	Website:	
Sponsor Levels: See descriptions	for benefits of each category.	
Diamond Sponsor - \$20,000		
Event I wish to sponsor: Presi	dent's Dinner Opening K	eynote Session Keynote Luncheon
Platinum Sponsor - \$10,000		
Event I wish to sponsor: Welcon	ne ReceptionOpening Keyn	ote Session Keynote Luncheon
Quantum Sponsor - \$7,500		
Event I wish to sponsor: Welcon	ne Reception Keynote Lun	cheon
Gold Sponsor - \$5,000	Silver Sponsor - \$2,500	Copper Sponsor - \$1,500
Bronze Sponsor - \$750	Student Sponsor	Other Sponsor: \$
		I wish to help sponsor:
Booth Number Requested(S	See floor plan.) <i>This pertains to L</i>	Diamond, Platinum, Quantum and Gold

#### **Exhibits:**

#### Booth (8 feet x 10 feet) \$1,750

- One (1) Full Conference Registration
- Pre-Registration list (excluding any opt-outs)
- Link from NAEP website to yours, plus your logo on the website

#### Table Top (6 feet x 30 inches) \$1,200

- One (1) day registration
- Pre-Registration list (excluding any opt-outs)
- Link from NAEP website to yours, plus your logo on the website

## **Ads: Specifications and Fees**

\_\_\_\_ Half Page (7.25 wide x 4.75 high) \$850

Quarter Page (3.375 wide x 4.75 high) \$500

**Business Card** (3.375 wide x 2.125 high) **\$250** 

#### **Digital Specifications:**

- Only digital files will be accepted.
- Black and white or grayscale JPEG 600 resolution at 100% size, or high resolution PDF.
- Files must be smaller than 4 MB.

Send all ads to: Ann Mitchell amitchell@ahredchair.com

Ad Submittal Deadline: February 6, 2017

Payment Information:

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#### Mail checks to:

NAEP

1120 Rt. 73, Suite 200 Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Att: Ann Mitchell

**Questions:** Ann Mitchell NAEP Conference Manager

Ph: 856-793-0782

E-mail: amitchell@ahredchair.com

**Cancellation Policy:** If written cancellation is received by January 20, 2017, a full refund MINUS a \$100 administrative fee will be given. If cancellation is received after January 20, 2017 and before February 10, 2017, an 80% refund MINUS a \$100 administrative fee will be given. After February 10, 2017 refunds will not be given.





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Full Conference registration includes all scheduled meals and evening events.

One-day registration includes only breakfast and lunch on the specific day. Evening events are NOT included.

	NAEP MEMBER			Non-Member		
	<u>Early</u>	Regular	<u>Late/On-</u> <u>Site</u>	<u>Early</u>	Regular	Late/On-Site
	Register prior to 1/27/17	Register from 1/28/17-3/3/17	Register after 3/4/2017	Register prior to 1/27/17	Register from 1/28/17 to 3/3/17	Register after 3/4/2017
Full conference	\$595	\$695	\$795	\$695	\$795	\$895
One-day registration	\$295	\$345	\$395	\$395	\$445	\$495
Student registration*	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$175	\$200	\$225

Government employees and/or speakers receive a \$100 discount on full conference registration.

Government employees and/or speakers receive a \$50 discount on a one-day registration.

\* To receive the student rate, your registration must include a letter signed by the registrar indicating your full-time enrollment. A student ID will not be accepted. The student fee does not include the President's Dinner event on Tuesday evening.



## NAEP Annual NEPA Report – 2015

The National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP), a non-profit professional society dedicated to excellence in the environmental professions, has recently released their *Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Report 2015*. The NEPA Annual Report—which is prepared by volunteer professional members of the NAEP NEPA Practice—is a unique compilation of data on the current state of NEPA compliance. NAEP provides the Annual Report at no cost to agency NEPA Liaisons and to NAEP members.

In 2015, announcements of 381 Draft, Final, and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) were published in the Federal Register. This total is similar to the 384 EISs announced in 2014. U.S. Forest Service (USFS) published the most documents with 71 (19% of total), followed by the Bureau of Land Management (40/10%), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (40/10%), Federal Highway Administration (23/6%) and National Park Service (17/4%). (Based on information in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) database of EISs; <a href="http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/nepa/eisdata.html">http://www.epa.gov/Compliance/nepa/eisdata.html</a>).

The NEPA Annual Report also found that 194 Final EISs were made available in 2015. The average time to prepare those EISs (measured from Notice of Intent to Final EIS) was 5.0 years. Sixteen percent of EISs were prepared in two years or less.

In 2015, the U.S. Courts of Appeal issued 14 substantive decisions involving implementation of NEPA. The 14 cases involved 11 different departments and agencies, with the agencies prevailing in 79 percent of the cases.

This year's Guest Editorial is from Horst Greczmiel. Mr. Greczmiel recently retired after serving 17 years as Associate Director for NEPA Oversight at the Council of Environmental Quality. Mr. Greczmiel reiterates the role of NEPA in sound decisionmaking and the need to protect and strengthen its most valuable aspects. These aspects include public involvement and careful consideration of reasonable alternatives.

The 2015 NEPA Annual Report also includes:

- "Just the Stats" on the EPA review and comments on EISs;
- Preparation Times for Environmental Impact Statements Made Available in 2015;
- Recent NEPA Cases from the U.S. Courts of Appeal;
- Recent Congressional Legislation Regarding NEPA.

The 2015 NEPA Annual Report is available at no cost to NAEP members. NAEP also provides copies to Federal NEPA liaisons. To join NAEP, please visit <a href="www.naep.org">www.naep.org</a>. Past issues of the NAEP NEPA Annual Report are available on the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) website at <a href="https://ceq.doe.gov/nepa\_information/ngos.html">https://ceq.doe.gov/nepa\_information/ngos.html</a>.

If you are a current NAEP member and have not looked at the report a copy is available on the Members Only Section of the NAEP website. If you need assistance logging onto the NAEP website please email Tim Bower at <a href="mailto:naep@naep.org">naep@naep.org</a>. If you are not a member and want a full copy of the 2015 report click here to join NAEP — <a href="MAEP Membership">NAEP Membership</a> Application or call Tim Bower AT 856-283-7816.



### NAEP announces two new topics for the Community Forum

NAEP is pleased to announce two new Community Forums have been added to the existing NEPA Policy and Practice Forum. These forums are a great way to ask questions and share resources with your fellow NAEP members. For more information on the Forums or help using them please call Tim Bower at 856-283-7816. The three current Forums are listed below:

#### Climate Change and Adaptation Forum

Climate change and adaptation are considered by many to be the most urgent environmental issue on the planet. Our understanding of climate change, our ability to predict its effects, and accepted practice for evaluation and planning are all areas in constant flux. This forum provides a virtual meeting space for environmental practitioners to share information, ask questions, or engage in a dialogue on this subject.

#### NEPA Policy and Practice Forum

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires all federal agencies to consider relevant environmental effects before making a decision or taking an action. This consideration largely takes the form of an EIS, EA, or CE, following procedures established by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and individual federal agencies. This forum provides a venue for anyone involved with or interested in the NEPA process to post information, ask questions, or engage in a dialogue with other NEPA practitioners. Note that subjects specific to climate change or transportation may be cross listed with those forums.

#### <u>Transportation F</u>orum

Transportation facilities and operations are one of the most common subjects of environmental analysis, planning, and policy. The potential effects of transportation include span a wide variety of subjects and technical disciplines. The planning and evaluation of transportation projects is guided by variety of federal and state regulation and guidance. This forum provides a venue for environmental professionals involved with transportation to share information, ask questions, or engage in dialogue. Note that some subjects may be cross listed with the NEPA forum.

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