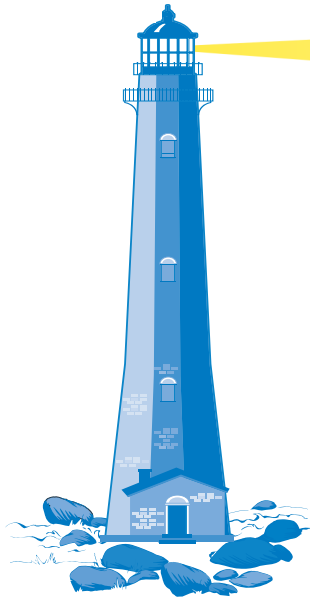




*"Integrity is your destiny—
it is the light that guides your way."
- Plato*

First Annual

"Little NEPA" Conference

State-Level Environmental Impact Assessment

Date: May 30, 2005

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Cambridge
Cambridge, Massachusetts



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About the Conference



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Approximately twenty states have their own programs for preparing environmental impact assessments of proposed governmental and private actions. These are often called “little NEPAs,” but in the aggregate, they are responsible for the preparation of far more impact assessments than are created under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The program will provide a unique opportunity to compare the impact assessment practices in the different states, to identify best practices, to highlight emerging analysis techniques, and to understand the role of the courts in the impact assessment system. Environmental impact assessment issues will be examined in the context of the mini-NEPAs, with NEPA itself as a basis for comparison.

The program is designed to appeal to lawyers and environmental professionals from the U.S. and from other countries working in the environmental impact assessment field.



Jumping whale. Courtesy Boston Harbor Cruises

Welcome (8:25 A.M.)

Karen Bryan, Vice President, P.E. LaMoreaux & Associates, Inc., Tuscaloosa, AL

Getting Started (8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.)

R.J. Lyman, Esq., Goodwin Proctor LLP, Former Massachusetts Assistant Environmental Secretary and MEPA Director, Moderator

Panelists

Diane M.L. Mas, MSE, Senior Environmental Engineer, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., West Springfield, MA

Daniel R. Mandelker, Stamper Professor of Law, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

Mark A. Chertok, Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C., New York, NY

- Jurisdiction
- Review thresholds
- Exclusions and exemptions
- Coordination and consistency with other laws
- Types of review documents

Scope (10:30 A.M. – Noon)

Nicholas C. Yost, Esq., Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP, San Francisco, CA, Former General Counsel, CEQ, Moderator

Panelists

Horst Grezmiel, Esq., Associate Director for NEPA Oversight, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington D.C.

Barry Hill, Esq., Director, Office of Environmental Justice, US Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C.

Ken Weiner, Esq., Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP, Seattle, WA

- What must be covered
- Breadth and analysis
- The human environment
- Relationship to other little-NEPA documents

(Noon – 1:30 P.M.)

Lunch at “Special Topic” roundtables hosted by delegates from states with “Little NEPAs”

Preparation of EIA Documents (1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.)

Norman F. Carlin, Esq., Pillsbury Winthrop LLC, San Francisco, CA, Moderator

Panelists

Lisa A. Bail, Esq., Goodsill Anderson Quenn & Stifel, Honolulu, HI

Earl Phillips, Robinson & Cole, Hartford, CT

Daniel P. Selmi, Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Jane Wheeler, Camp Dresser McKee, Cambridge, MA

- What EIA document to prepare
- Whether to combine mini NEPA with NEPA documents
- Role of lead and other agencies
- Who prepares the EIA document?
- Public comment
- Analytical issues
- Consequences of unmitigable impacts

Post EIA Procedures (3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.)

Michael B. Gerrard, Esq., Arnold & Porter LLP, New York, NY, Moderator

Panelists

Michael Zischke, Esq., Morrison & Foerster, LLP, San Francisco, CA

Gail Bingham, President, RESOLVE, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Jay Wickersham, Esq., FAIA, Noble & Wickersham LLP, Cambridge, MA

- Post-decision monitoring and enforcement
- Non-litigation resolution of disputes
- Litigation: Access to the courts
- Litigation: Outcomes and effects

State-Level EIA

This special one-day program is being co-sponsored by the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, the nation's leading organization of environmental lawyers, in partnership with the other co-sponsors and the International Association of Impact Assessment, the largest international association of its kind, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of IAIA.



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● Accommodations

The room block that IAIA reserved for conference delegates at the Hyatt Regency-Cambridge filled very rapidly, and the conference hotel block is currently fully booked. The Hyatt has a few vacancies for some nights, but the \$99 conference rate will not apply. To help delegates locate alternative hotels, IAIA has added a link to the IAIA'05 conference page (http://www.hotels-and-discounts.com/CITY/Cambridge_Cheap_Hotels.htm), or delegates may contact IAIA HQ for additional information and alternatives. Boston has a metro system referred to as the "T." Look for hotels convenient to a "T" stop or bus line. Taxi fares are reported to be reasonable, and the Hyatt-Cambridge has offered to transport delegates to hotels or "T" stops within Cambridge.

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