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## **New Mexico submits comments opposing changes to the National Environmental Policy Act**

**Santa Fe, NM** – Today, the State of New Mexico [submitted comments](#) to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in opposition to proposed amendments to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations.

NEPA provides critical environmental review processes that safeguard our country's natural resources. The proposed changes would limit public participation, weaken terms to imply that agencies have a choice in complying with regulations, reduce analysis of a project's impacts, ignore potential climate impacts, and shorten the timelines of the NEPA process. Rather than streamline the process, the proposed changes undermine the entire NEPA process.

"This is yet another example of the federal government slashing environmental protections while the climate crisis becomes more pressing every day," said Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. "I urge the CEQ to withdraw the proposed amendments and keep a strong NEPA process in place."

"Simply put, the CEQ's proposed changes to NEPA regulations would eliminate basic environmental protections," said Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. "These changes are so extensive that they are contrary to NEPA's purpose and would leave our natural resources vulnerable."

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