U.S. Department of Energy Washington, D.C.

POLICY

DOE P 451.1

Approved: 12-21-2017

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

- 1. <u>PURPOSE</u>. This Policy establishes DOE's expectations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508); and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021).
- 2. <u>CANCELLATION</u>. DOE O 451.1B Chg 3 (AdminChg), *National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program*, dated 10-26-2000. Cancellation of a directive does not, by itself, modify or otherwise affect any contractual or regulatory obligation to comply with the directive.
- 3. <u>POLICY</u>. DOE prioritizes NEPA compliance and delegates authority to the Heads of Departmental Elements to ensure an efficient and effective risk-based approach to the implementation of DOE's NEPA compliance program. All participants are responsible for controlling costs and time while maintaining quality of the process, activities and results.
 - a. The Secretary will ensure compliance with 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021.
 - b. Heads of Departmental Elements will, for matters under their office's purview:
 - (1) Maintain and delegate responsibility for NEPA compliance at their discretion, including to Heads of Field Elements.
 - (2) Maintain at least one DOE NEPA Compliance Officer with the requisite knowledge and experience to provide leadership, guidance and advice.
 - (3) Designate a DOE NEPA Document Manager with the requisite knowledge and experience for each Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Environmental Assessment (EA), and Supplement Analysis (SA).
 - (4) Ensure access to information, coordination and collaboration, as needed.
 - (5) Develop and maintain updated Departmental Element specific resources, as needed.
- 4. <u>CONTACT</u>. Questions regarding this Policy and requests for guidance should be addressed to the Office of the General Counsel.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY:

