

Title I of the National Environmental Policy Act

Contains a Declaration of National Environmental Policy which requires the federal government to use all practicable means to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony.

NEPA Section 102

Part of Title 1. Requires federal agencies to incorporate environmental considerations in their planning and decision-making through a systematic interdisciplinary approach. Specifically, all fed agencies are to prepare detailed statements assessing the environmental impact of and alternatives to major federal actions significantly affecting the environment. Statements are commonly referred to as environmental impact statements (EISs). Section 102 also requires federal agencies to lend appropriate support to initiatives and programs designed to anticipate and prevent a decline in the quality of mankind's world environment.

Title II of NEPA

Establishes the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) which is headed by a fulltime Chair that oversees NEPA.

NEPA Section 204

Establishes the duties and functions of the Council and is found in Title II. Duties and functions include gathering information on the conditions and trends in environmental quality; evaluating federal programs in light of the goals established in Title I of the Act; developing and promoting national policies to improve environmental quality; and conducting studies, surveys research, and analyses relating to ecosystems and environmental quality.