

*Place:* National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 1E030, Rockville, MD 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel Omnibus SEP-17.

*Date:* March 25, 2015.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Cancer Institute Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, 7W124, Rockville, MD 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

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Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/sep/sep.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 20, 2014.

**Melanie J. Gray,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review Amended; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, November 11, 2014, 02:00 p.m. to November 11, 2014, 03:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD, 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2014, 79 FR 200 Pg. 62166.

The meeting will be held on December 9, 2014 instead of November 11, 2014. The meeting will start at 12:00

p.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m. The meeting location remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: November 20, 2014.

**Carolyn A. Baum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket Number DHS-2013-0052]

### Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS or the Department) is issuing the final update to its policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). The Department's NEPA procedures are contained in Directive 023-01, Rev. 01 and Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Rev. 01, Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (herein after referred to as Directive and Instruction). This notice also responds to the comments received on the Department's draft updated procedures published on June 5, 2014 (79 FR 32563).

**DATES:** The Directive and Instruction will be effective on March 26, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Marie Ecton, Senior Environmental Specialist, Department of Homeland Security, Telephone (202) 360-5661, or Email [a.marie.ecton@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:a.marie.ecton@hq.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Once effective, the Directive and Instruction will apply to all of DHS, which is currently comprised of over 20 support and operational components, and help ensure the integration of environmental stewardship into DHS decision making as required by NEPA. The Directive and Instruction will serve as the DHS implementing procedures for NEPA and the CEQ regulations (as required by 40 CFR 1505.1 and 1507.3) and therefore must be read in conjunction with the CEQ regulations.

The Directive and Instruction were substantially revised to address a number of circumstances and requirements that have arisen since April 19, 2006, the effective date of the original DHS NEPA procedures (**Federal Register**, Vol. 71, No. 64, April 4, 2006). For example, when originally published in 2006 the Directive and Instruction did not apply to the following three Components of DHS: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and United States Coast Guard (USCG); these three Components each maintained their own procedures for implementing NEPA when the Department was established in 2002. This revision to the Directive and Instruction incorporates FEMA, CBP, and USCG into the Department's NEPA procedures and addresses the full scope of DHS activities to which NEPA applies. When the updated procedures become effective, they will apply to all Components of DHS, including FEMA, CBP, and USCG. In addition, every Component will have the option of developing Supplemental Instructions to establish how that particular Component will meet the requirements of the final version of the DHS Directive and Instruction. In a separate yet related effort, FEMA will pursue rescission of its regulations at 44 CFR 10 and replace them with Supplemental Instructions that conform to requirements of the DHS Directive and Instruction.

The requirements put forth in the revised Directive and Instruction emphasize that the NEPA process must be appropriately integrated into the performance of DHS missions and activities and decision making. The revised Directive establishes the overall policy that DHS will comply with NEPA, and the revised Instruction establishes the procedures for ensuring this compliance is implemented in an effective and efficient manner. The Instruction covers the following: Overview of NEPA requirements, including requirements for the preparation and content of NEPA documents; management of NEPA implementation in DHS; criteria for Components to obtain a delegation of authority to approve their respective NEPA reviews; public involvement; dispute resolution; information protected from public disclosure; procedures for emergencies; review of applications from persons or organizations outside of DHS (*e.g.*, grant applications); and an identification of the types of DHS activities normally reviewed in a CATEx, Environmental