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Subject: CHANGE NOTICE- RESCISSION

Directive: REG-1-1

Title: Handbook on Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act

Approval: Thomas D. Shope, Regional Director:
Exercising the delegated authority of the Director _____

1. **Purpose**

This Change Notice rescinds Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) directive REG-1, *Handbook on Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act*. This rescission is due to the removal of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)'s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the Fiscal Responsibility Act amendments to NEPA, and Executive Order 14154 and Secretarial Order 3418 both titled "Unleashing American Energy".

To promote consistent NEPA application the Department of Interior (DOI) recently released a Department-wide NEPA handbook, *The U.S. Department of the Interior Handbook of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures*. This handbook is available online on [DOI.gov](https://www.doi.gov) and contains the necessary NEPA implementing procedures recommended by CEQ following the removal of the CEQ regulations. The Departmental handbook provides sufficient detail for OSMRE's NEPA procedures which renders directive REG-1 obsolete.

Please note that OSMRE NEPA roles and responsibilities previously included in directive REG-1 are addressed in Appendix A of directive OPM-5, *Delegations of Authority*.

2. **Summary of Changes**

N/A.

3. **Effect on Other Documents**

This Change Notice rescinds all previous issuances of directive REG-1 and their subsequent Change Notices, if applicable.

4. **Effective Date**

Upon Signature.

5. **Distribution**

By electronic format. All OSMRE directives are publicly available at <https://www.osmre.gov/laws-and-regulations/directives>.

6. **Contact**

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