



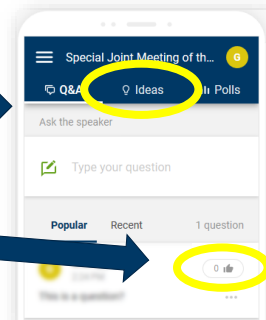
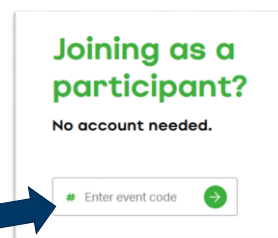
Integrating Climate Information into MEPA Program Requirements

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- This meeting will be recorded and the recording posted
- Comments posted in Slido will be saved.
- The EQB will make a brief presentation summarizing the proposed changes. Open comment period to follow.
- We may reserve the option to limit commenters time “at the mic”.

Norms of Behavior

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Be respectful

Do not question others motives or beliefs

Stay true to the purpose of this listening session



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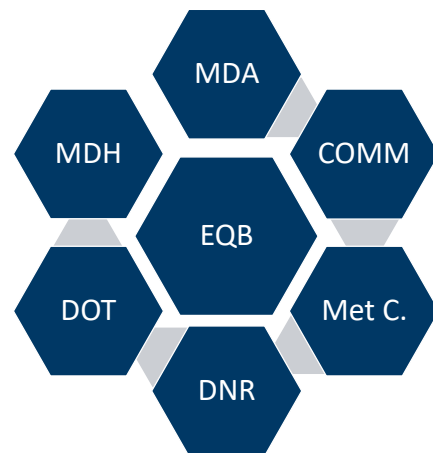
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- Based on approved strategies
- Considered available tools
- Understanding broader expertise and experience are important for success
- Understanding the need for certainty and consistency



Environmental Review

Transparent | Accountable | Efficient

Project Proposers

- Informs project design
- Mitigation of potential effects

Government

Informs approval decisions

Public

Informs participation in approval decisions



Usable information about environmental effects

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Draft Recommendations

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- Revisions to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet Form (page 8; Appendix A: page 14)
- A new mandatory Environmental Impact Statement category (Page 11)

Also includes tools and resources for implementing new requirements:

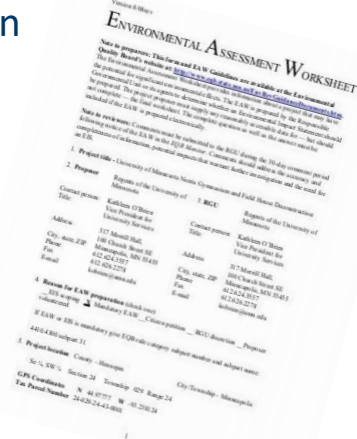
- Guidance: Developing a carbon footprint (Appendix B1: page 24)
- Guidance: Climate adaptation and resilience (Appendix B2: page 48)

Revisions to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet Form

New item 17 – Greenhouse gas quantification and assessment (Report page 8; Appendix A: page 14)

- If no calculation method available – describe

Integrated into existing items - Climate adaptation and resilience (Report page 48; Appendix B2)



Can be implemented with Board approval

New mandatory Environmental Impact Statement category (Report Page 11)

Greenhouse Gas Pollution (GHG). A proposed project that results in cumulative GHG emissions for existing and future operations that exceeds an interim value of 100,000 tons per year CO₂e unless the proposed project:

- Is subject to other regulatory requirements that include GHG assessment
- Has a GHG reduction plan



Requires rulemaking

Calculators, Tools and Resources

Guidance: Developing a carbon footprint (Appendix B1: page 24)

- How to identify and describe types and sources of GHGs emitted
- How to quantify GHGs emitted (including existing calculators)
- How to assess GHG emissions

Guidance: Climate adaptation and resilience (Appendix B2: page 48)

- Item by item tools and resources

More ways to provide input

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Submit written feedback. Input will be accepted through March 31, 2021.

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Complete a survey: Posted soon.

Attend a listening session. Two listening sessions:

Next Sessions March 27th, 10:00am-11:30am

Questions for Discussion

- Which aspects of the draft recommendations do you support and why?
- Which aspects of the draft recommendation would you change and why?
 - Are there changes to the recommendations that would ensure your support?

Open Listening Period

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Oral Comments –

Enter your name in the chat and you will be called on when it's your turn

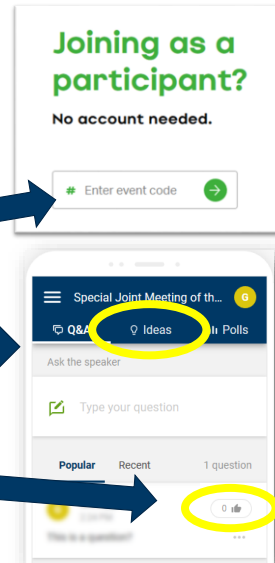
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Closing Remarks

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