



GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

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Notice of Council Updated NEPA Procedures

AGENCY: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council) has updated its procedures (NEPA Procedures) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Council's updated NEPA Procedures are available at www.restorethegulf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please send questions by email to John Ettinger by email john.ettinger@restorethegulf.gov or telephone (504) 444-3522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 5, 2015, the Council issued its NEPA Procedures (80 FR 25680). The Council's 2015 NEPA Procedures were based on the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. On January 8, 2026, CEQ issued a final rule removing these regulations (91 FR 618) in accord with Executive Order (EO) 14154, *Unleashing American Energy* (January 20, 2025). EO 14154 further directed agencies to revise their NEPA implementing procedures consistent with the EO. Accordingly, the Council has revised its NEPA Procedures. As part of the revision process the Council eliminated a Categorical Exclusion for administrative and routine office activities, which do not meet the definition of major Federal action. The Council's updated NEPA Procedures can be found at www.restorethegulf.gov.

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