

EXECUTIVE ORDER 81-18

REVIEW OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the state of Washington to ensure timely and effective review of federal environmental documents (impact statements, findings of no significant impact, and assessments) prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Management is currently restructuring its operations, including review of NEPA documents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology is the state agency administering the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the SEPA Guidelines, and is now coordinating review of environmental documents prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington order:

1. That as of this day the Department of Ecology shall coordinate state agency review of all federal environmental documents prepared pursuant to NEPA.
2. That the Office of Financial Management shall advise federal agencies of the change and shall aid the Department of Ecology in the transfer of duties.
3. That all state agencies shall cooperate with the Department of Ecology in timely review of and comment on NEPA documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 26th day of October A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
