



Introduction to Section 106-

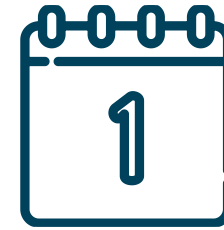
Ensuring Preservation in Federal Undertakings



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Meet Lochmueller Group



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Hey, Sarah! Let me ask you a question...




**Have you ever
found dinosaur
bones?**





**Have you ever
found gold?**





Indiana Jones or Lara Croft?

What is NEPA?

- **Definition:** The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a U.S. law that requires federal agencies to assess the environmental impact of their proposed actions before making decisions.
- **Purpose:** NEPA ensures that environmental factors are considered in federal decision-making processes, promoting informed and transparent decisions that protect the environment.

What is NEPA?

- **Introduction to Section 106:** One specific requirement under NEPA is to comply with **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**. This section mandates that federal agencies must take into account the effects of their projects on historic properties.
- **Purpose:** NEPA ensures that environmental factors are considered in federal decision-making processes, promoting informed and transparent decisions that protect the environment.

Why Section 106 Matters?

- While NEPA provides the framework for environmental review, Section 106 ensures that historic and cultural resources are specifically considered, involving consultation with State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), and the public.
- Funds for projects cannot be released until this step is finalized.

Key Terms

- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA):** The NHPA is a federal law enacted in 1966 aimed at preserving historical and archaeological sites in the United States.
- **Undertaking:** Any project, activity, or program funded, permitted, licensed, or approved by a federal agency.
- **Historic Property:** Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places.

The Section 106 Process

- **Initiate the Process:**

- Identify the undertaking.

- Determine if it has the potential to affect historic properties.

- **Identify Historic Properties:**

- Conduct surveys and research.

- Consult the National Register of Historic Places.

The Section 106 Process

- **Assess Effects:**

Determine how the undertaking might affect identified historic properties.

- **Resolve Adverse Effects:**

Consult with stakeholders.

Explore alternatives to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects.

Develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Programmatic Agreement (PA) if necessary.



**What's the
coolest thing
you've ever
found?**





Meet the Team



Let's talk!



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