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## #26-01: 2025 Presidential Executive Orders Affecting NEPA Compliance

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### Purpose

This Office Bulletin provides a high-level overview of recent federal actions affecting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for Local Assistance transportation projects and outlines the immediate actions required.

Presidential Executive Order (EO) 14154: "Unleashing American Energy" revokes EO 11991 that authorized the Council of Environmental Quality regulations. EOs 14148 and 14173 rescind EO 13985 (Equity), EO 12898 and EO 14096 (Environmental Justice).

### Policy Update

In accordance with EOs 14154, 14148, and 14173, the following requirements are effective immediately:

- **Environmental Justice and Equity** – Do not include environmental justice or equity analysis in the NEPA portion of environmental documents. Use of this terminology is rescinded in LAPM Chapter 6 and associated Exhibits. Question 27 of the PES Form (Exhibit 6-A) and Question 23 of the PES (NI) Form (Exhibit 6-J) are no longer required.
- **Climate Change** – Do not include climate change or greenhouse gas analysis in the NEPA analysis. These analyses remain applicable under CEQA.
- **Terminology and Scope** – Avoid using terminology derived from rescinded CEQ (EO 11991 revoked) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), past EOs (12898, 13985, and 14096), or recently excluded federal scope within the NEPA section of environmental documents, including Chapter 6 and Exhibits 6-A, 6-B, 6-J, and 6-K, see list below:
  - Accessibility (unless related to increasing "access to destinations" on the transportation network);
  - Climate Change;
  - Cumulative Impacts (use reasonably foreseeable effects);
  - Diversity;
  - Emissions (if it relates to greenhouse gases);
  - Environmental Justice;
  - Equity (including racial equity and social equity);
  - Green House Gases;
  - Inclusion;
  - Justice 40 Initiative;
  - Reference to Executive Order number 12898, 13985, and 14096;



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- Unserved or Underserved communities (use rural communities instead); and
- Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), or reference to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) 1500-1508.

### Publication Changes

These updates supersede the 2026 publication while the affected questions of the Exhibits will be red-lined on existing versions. Formal revisions will be incorporated in the next scheduled update.

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