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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### Office of National Drug Control Policy

#### Designation of 10 Areas as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas

**AGENCY:** Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

**ACTION:** Notice of HIDTA Designations.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy designated 10 additional areas as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 1706. The new areas are (1) Montgomery and Powell Counties in Kentucky as part of the Appalachia HIDTA; (2) Charleston County in South Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Reservation as part of the Atlanta/ Carolinas HIDTA; (3) Atlantic County in New Jersey as part of the Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA; (4) Allegheny, Beaver, and Washington Counties in Pennsylvania and Butler County in Ohio as part of the Ohio HIDTA; and (5) Mineral County in West Virginia as part of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Michael K. Gottlieb, National HIDTA Program Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395-4868.

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Humanities

#### National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities ("NEH") proposes to promulgate procedures implementing

the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ("NEPA"), Executive Order ("E.O.") 11514 (as amended), and Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ") NEPA implementing regulations. Pursuant to CEQ regulations, NEH is soliciting comments on its proposed procedures.

**DATES:** NEH is providing a 30-day review period. You must submit comments by no later than November 15, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [akress@neh.gov](mailto:akress@neh.gov). Include "NEH NEPA Implementing Procedures" in the subject line of the email.
- *Mail:* National Endowment for the Humanities, Office of the General Counsel, 400 7th Street SW, Room 4060, Washington, DC 20506, ATTN: Adam Kress.
- *Fax:* (202) 606-8600. Please send your comments to the attention of Adam Kress.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and title for this **Federal Register** document: "NEPA Implementing Procedures." Please submit your comments using only one method. NEH will post comments as received to <https://www.neh.gov/about/foia/library>. NEH will not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should only submit information that you wish to make publicly available. NEH reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to redact and/or refuse to post any or all of your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam M. Kress, (202) 606-8322; [akress@neh.gov](mailto:akress@neh.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NEH is an independent agency within the executive branch of the United States government, established by the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965. NEH extends financial assistance to individuals and organizations to support research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. It also has statutory authority to extend financial assistance to cultural organizations to enable infrastructure development and capacity building, including through the design, purchase, construction, restoration, or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities and historic landscapes.

NEPA and implementing regulations promulgated by CEQ (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) established a broad national policy to use all practicable means and

measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to foster and promote the general welfare, as well as to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans. The CEQ regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA are designed to ensure that this national policy, environmental considerations, and associated public concerns are given careful attention and appropriate weight in all decisions of the federal government. Sections 102(2) of NEPA and 40 CFR 1505.1 and 1507.3 require federal agencies to develop and, as needed, revise implementing procedures consistent with the CEQ regulations. NEH is issuing the following NEPA implementing procedures that comply with NEPA and supplement the CEQ regulations.

In accordance with CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1507.3), NEH consulted with CEQ prior to publication of the proposed procedures set forth below. These proposed procedures include proposed categorical exclusions specific to NEH projects and actions that NEH determined will not normally have a potentially significant effect, individually or cumulatively, on the human environment.

#### Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

Executive Orders 13563 and 12866 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distribute impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. These procedures have not been designated a "significant regulatory action" because they do not: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy; a section of the economy; productivity; competition; jobs; the environment; public health or safety; or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another Agency; (3) materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements,