

**MEPA Workgroup: Process and Applicability Subcommittee:  
Session 3**

**April 8, 2024 / 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Join via Zoom: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/87547372126?pwd=UFE5TzhLMmpQakg4NExyVXNkaEJxQT09> (Passcode: 057080)**

9:00 Welcome and Introductions, Agenda Review

9:15 **Challenge 1:** There are inconsistencies in Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) timelines and individual permitting timelines

**Identify:** Barriers, Recommendations, Rationale, Strategies, Challenges, and Outcomes  
(Draft example attached to start conversation)

**Public Comment**

9:45 **Challenge 2:** There are instances where the parameters and requirements for when categorical exclusions, programmatic environmental assessments, and environmental impact statements should be clarified under MEPA.

**Identify:** Barriers, Recommendations, Rationale, Strategies, Challenges, and Outcomes

**Public Comment**

10:30 **Challenge 3:** Because there is a lack of understanding of MEPA's core intent, there are opportunities to provide transparency in the existing act.

**Identify:** Barriers, Recommendations, Rationale, Strategies, Challenges, and Outcomes

**Public Comment**

11:15 **Challenge 4:** There is a lack of clarity in some definitions within MEPA.

**Identify:** Barriers, Recommendations, Rationale, Strategies, Challenges, and Outcomes

**Public Comment**

11:45 Next Steps and Outline for May 13 (Final) Meeting

12:00 Adjourn