

**Agenda: MEPA Climate Analysis Subgroup Meeting
February 9, 2024, 3:30-5:00 pm**

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3:30 Welcome Co-Chairs Jon Bennion and Dan Spencer

3:35 Overview of Purpose and Mandate

“To fully-characterize the permitting and licensing (state actions) pressures and challenges to assess and disclose GHG (data, methodologies, etc.), and beyond (climate impacts), within the MEPA statutory framework (what does MEPA currently allow for or limit), across the project/action profile (mining, oil & gas, refineries, renewable facilities, large-to-small compressors, crematories, etc.).” • Chris Dorrington, DEQ

Focus on CA Subgroup Meetings

- February: Inventory: Identify the Challenges to MEPA and the DEQ
- March: How to address Challenges and Potential Solutions
- April: From Challenges and Solutions to Recommendations
- May: Draft Recommendations?

Comments by Chris Dorrington and Craig Jones

For climate assessment and disclosure/impact assessment

- Statute/Rule sets the framework the state must work from – what are those challenges
- Data and methods – quantifying actual emissions and possible emissions, translating emissions into impacts, etc. – what are those challenges
- Process and procedural work – is a data submitted from emitters or potential emitters to the agencies and work done by the department, and with what resources; are impacts geographically or temporally bound; and how then are these emissions and impacts relayed to the public and is a response to public comment warranted, are the time limitations in MEPA sufficient to conduct this analysis and will the underlying permit/license await an analysis; are there efficiencies that are logical and defensible (lesser projects = lesser review) – what are these challenges
- Actions and next steps – time is viewed differently by all – in the range of these views, what are the challenges

3:50 Discussion by CA Subgroup Members

What are the central challenges to MEPA that the DEQ must address?
Inventory of Challenges

4:30 Public Comment

- Please limit oral public comments to 3 minutes.
- Written comments can be submitted at DEQ’s website: [here](#).

5:00 Adjourn