

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The National Environmental Policy Act was signed into law on January 1, 1970. NEPA applies to all federal agencies and activities that they manage, regulate or fund that affect the quality of the environment. NEPA compliance ensures that federal agencies make decisions based on an understanding of the environmental consequences of the proposed action. An important element of the law is the requirement to inform and involve the public of those decisions. For further information about NEPA, follow this link to <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>

## “NEPA-like” Requirements

As a state agency, the California Department of Public Health (Department) receives federal funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the administration of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Department has been designated as EPA’s non-federal state agency for consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under the Endangered Species Act (Section 7) and with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).