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Michael Poth  
Chief Executive Officer  
First Responder Network Authority  
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Dear Mr. Poth:

Thank you for consulting with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) on the revisions to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing procedures for the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The CEQ regulations provide that agencies, in consultation with CEQ, develop agency specific procedures to implement NEPA and revise them as necessary to ensure full compliance with the purposes and provisions of NEPA (40 C.F.R. § 1507.3).

The consultation with CEQ on the FirstNet NEPA implementing procedures took into consideration public comments received in response to the publication of the proposed implementing procedures. Specifically, the proposed NEPA implementing procedures were published in the Federal Register for public review and comment on June 23, 2017 (82 FR 28621). FirstNet received comments on its proposed NEPA Regulations (Regulations) from three sources, two members of the public and the Department of the Interior. CEQ has reviewed the FirstNet response to these comments and worked with FirstNet to ensure conformity with CEQ NEPA regulations and policy guidance. Based on this consultation, CEQ concludes that the revisions to the final regulations, attached, are in conformity with NEPA and the CEQ regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA. The new procedures will be effective upon publication of a notice of availability in the Federal Register.

Thank you for your responsiveness to our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed A. Boling".

Edward A. Boling  
Associate Director for NEPA

Attachments:

Draft Federal Register Notice of Final Rule  
Revised FirstNet NEPA Implementing Procedures