

# **THE ART OF COMMENTING:**

*How to Influence Environmental Decisionmaking  
With Effective Comments*

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“Ultimately, of course, it is not better documents but better decisions that count. NEPA’s purpose is not to generate paperwork—even excellent paperwork—but to foster excellent action.”

—Purpose, Policy, and Mandate, 40 C.F.R. §1500.1(c) (2012)  
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