

# EPA Region 8 NEPA Intern Description

**Position Title:** National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Intern

**Background:** The NEPA Program has the responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act to review and comment on Draft Environmental Impact Statements prepared by other federal agencies within Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). A significant amount of the NEPA program's work focuses on proposed energy development in the region. Our review of NEPA documents involves collaborating within EPA Region 8, as well as with other federal agencies.

**Position Description:**

As a NEPA Intern you will develop transferrable skills that will benefit you in future academic and career endeavors. You will be a part of a dynamic team that works under its authority to review and provide comments on NEPA documents, such as Environmental Impact Statements. You will be tasked with activities that will contribute to the success of the NEPA program, which involves work on a wide range of energy development projects. Our work involves collaboration with lead agencies and Region 8's Office of Water Protection (OWP), as well as the review of NEPA documents for proposed energy development projects in Region 8. As an intern in the NEPA Program, you will learn about NEPA and energy development in Region 8, contribute to the success of the team by acting as a resource to the program and the OWP, and gain experience working toward EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment.

*Specific duties may include, but are not limited, to the following:*

- Become familiar with the Bureau of Land Management's oil and gas leasing process
- Compile stipulations for oil and gas leasing by state field office
- Determine the effectiveness of EPA's comments and measures put in place by lead agencies
- Research the technical basis for surface occupancy setback distances
- Other duties as needed

(all duties will be accomplished with the support of the NEPA team)

*Desired Skills:*

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic Excel and Word
- Ability to work independently and self-actuate
- Works well on a team
- Ability to process large amounts of information and summarize critical elements

*Knowledge/Experience* (optional, but a bonus):

- Basic understanding of the oil and gas industry
- Basic understanding of environmental science

**Timeline:**

A NEPA internship is estimated to last no more than four months.

**Desired hours per week:** 20-40

(preference will be given to qualified candidates available to work more hours per week).

**Desired start date:** Flexible

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To Apply: By March 31, 2017, send cover letter (indicating position(s) of interest), resume and college transcript to [R8EPAintern@epa.gov](mailto:R8EPAintern@epa.gov).

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