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The National Transit Institute (NTI) has two online environmental courses for transit professionals:

Environmental Impact Assessment (Online) Part A: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as a Decision-Making Tool in Planning, February 17 – March 11, 2009. The tuition is waived for this workshop for federal, state and local government employees who work in transportation or related areas (\$150 for consultants and contractors). This is a three-week online course. Each weekly unit requires approximately 5-7 hours to complete.

This course is intended for transportation professionals from transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and departments of transportation with less than three years experience working with the environmental process relative to project development.

This is the first part of an introductory-level course on environmental impact assessment. If you are interested in attending, please follow this link <https://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TPE-19A> and register on line.

The course introduces the environmental impact assessment process as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It reviews NEPA's legislative history and implementation by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and details important considerations in the project planning stage.

At the conclusion of this online course, learners will be able to recognize the value of NEPA within the historical legislative context:

- Identify the goals of NEPA
- Describe the CEQ implementing regulations
- Decide if NEPA applies to projects
- Use NEPA as a decision-making tool in the transportation planning process

Environmental Impact Assessment (Online) Part B: The Environmental Impact Statement and Related Topics, March 23 – April 26, 2009. The tuition is waived for this workshop for federal, state and local government employees who work in transportation or related areas (\$150 for consultants and contractors). This is a three-week online course. Each weekly unit requires approximately 5-7 hours to complete.

This course is intended for transportation professionals from transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and departments of transportation with less than five years experience working with the environmental process relative to project development.

This is the **second part** of an introductory-level course on environmental impact assessment. **It is strongly recommended** that you first take Environmental Impact Assessment, Part A: An Introduction to NEPA as a Tool for Decision Making.

If you are interested in attending, please follow this link <https://www.ntionline.com/CourseInfo.asp?CourseNumber=TPE-19B> and register on line.

At the conclusion of this online course, learners will be able to describe the process of preparing an environmental impact statement, analyze and solve challenges associated with the preparation of an EIS, identify and address transportation-related issues that affect a transit project, apply SAFETEA-LU, and requirements to transportation projects.

If you are interested in attending these courses, you may register online at the above links or use the attached registration form and fax it to the number on the form. Seating is limited for this course, so register early. To check computer technical requirements, please go to <http://rutgersonline.net/index.real?action=technical>.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Registration form