

ITEM 139-106-R0508

Adoption of New Policy 1005.1, Montana University System Environmental Review

THAT:

The Board of Regents of Higher Education adopt a new Policy No. 1005.1, MUS Environmental Review, which will provide guidance to the campuses in their efforts to comply with the Montana Environmental Policy Act, § 75-1-102, et seq., MCA.

EXPLANATION:

The Montana Environmental Policy Act applies to our campuses and, although our campuses have complied with MEPA on their individual projects, campuses sought a consistent, system-wide policy for compliance with the Act. In a collaborative effort, the campuses and the Office of the Commissioner have prepared a new policy which provides guidance for the preparation of environmental reviews, including environmental assessments and environmental impact statements, for use in campus projects.

In addition, the policy ensures that the campuses will provide for public participation in campus project decisions as MEPA may require and for the designation of a campus MEPA officer on each campus, whose name and contact information shall be posted on the campus website.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Policy 1005.1