

Excerpt from Renewable Energy Reader Teacher's Manual  
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**Renewable Energy Law**

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**Renewables on Federal Lands Exercise**

**Assignment**

Each person is assigned to one of the clients below. You may trade slots with a classmate, but both must confirm any changes with me.

**During the class period Tuesday, November 1**

Each group will have an 8-minute slot to deliver your client's comments concerning the solar PEIS at the public hearing. You may designate one member of the team to use the entire time or break it out any other way you wish. Our guests will be Sarah Quinn, External Renewable Energy Specialist for the Natural Resources Stewardship & Science, Geologic Resources Division, U.S. DOI National Park Service, and Connie Rogers, Partner, Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLP.

Consider the legal relationship of your assigned group to the BLM. Based on the legal status of your group, would your group typically comment at a public scoping hearing, or utilize some other means by which to engage in the NEPA process? If the later, please explain in your presentation as well as providing your comments during our "public hearing" for the purpose of this exercise.

**Substantive objective**

The purpose of this assignment is to understand the NEPA process, and specifically the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement that the BLM is proposing for renewable solar projects on lands within its jurisdiction.

**Skills objective**

The skills component of this exercise is the role of public comment in federal administrative decision-making. The following sources should be helpful to give you guidance about the role of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, and other background information for our hearing:

[http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/adr/natural\\_resources/faca.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/adr/natural_resources/faca.html)

<http://solareis.anl.gov/involve/index.cfm>

Client: CSP developers:

Client: Native Nations:

Client: Environmental NGOs like Sierra Club:

Client: National Park Service:

Client: Fish & Wildlife Service:

Client: California Regulatory Agencies:

Client: Water Conservation Organizations:

Client: Ranching Rights Organizations: