



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 31
National Environmental Policy Act
June 4, 2013

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with state, tribal, federal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, FirstNet, in undertaking this action, is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations;

WHEREAS, NEPA requires FirstNet to undertake an assessment of the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making final decisions;

WHEREAS, NEPA regulations require agencies adopt procedures to supplement the NEPA regulations;

WHEREAS, NEPA regulations state when an agency is a department, major subunits are encouraged to adopt their own NEPA procedures, with the consent of the department;

WHEREAS, FirstNet, as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, is a major subunit of the Department of Commerce;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board directs Chairman Ginn to request that the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, on behalf of FirstNet, request that Secretary of Commerce delegate authority to the Chair of the Board of the FirstNet authority for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, for actions undertaken by FirstNet.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority on June 4, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uzoma Onyeije', written over a horizontal line.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary