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The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was signed into law on January 1, 1970. Prior to this law, there was little environmental regulatory oversight for many Federal projects like highways, dams, airports, nuclear above ground testing, etc. Following the enactment of NEPA, however, all such projects are subject to review, reporting requirements, and mandated activities. These oversight responsibilities are often not readily apparent to the general public.

HAARP has complied with regulatory oversight requirements during all phases of the program beginning with the initial Environmental Impact Study conducted during 1992-1993, through all subsequent construction activities, and continuing today in all research operations. The Air Force is committed to safe, interference-free operation of the HAARP facility being constructed in Gakona, and has met or exceeded the NEPA requirements by having both voluntary as well as required oversight.

Formal oversight is provided by a number of federal, state, and local agencies. In some agencies several departments provide independent oversight for different concerns. The following table lists those agencies that provide active, independent review of HAARP:

Agencies and Organizations with HAARP Oversight

Agency/Organizations	Level	Category
National Telecommunications & Information Administration	Federal	Transmitting Authority
Federal Aviation Administration	Federal	Transmitting (Aircraft Safety)
Environmental Protection Agency	Federal	Adherence to Safety Standards
Air Force	Federal	Transmitting(Elmendorf AFB Ops)/Environmental
Navy	Federal	Transmitting/Environmental
Army Corps of Engineers	Federal	Water Quality/Wetlands
National Park Service	Federal	Animal Tracking/Emerg. Comms
Fish & Wildlife Service	Federal	Wildlife and RFI
US Coast Guard	Federal	Emerg Comms/Rescue/Navig.
Bureau of Land Management	Federal	Land Use
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Federal	Native Concerns
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Federal	Archeological Resources
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	State	Water Quality/Natural Resources Mining Plans/RFI/RFR
Historic Preservation Office	State	Archeological Resources
Alaska Fish & Game	State	Wildlife & RFI
Alaska Department of Natural Resources	State	Resource Conservation
Alaska Dept of Community and Regional Affairs	State	All categories
American Radio Relay League	Private	Amateur Radio Interests
Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association	Private	Aircraft Safety
Alyeska	Commercial	Pipeline Controls & Comms
ALASCOM	Commercial	Telephone Compatibility

Community Representative

Private

Community Interests

As a means to facilitate community input for suggesting mitigation measures, providing a conduit of information to the regulatory agencies and the public, and ensuring independent oversight, the Air Force established a Resolution Committee. This Committee was established voluntarily by the Air Force and represents an additional segment of the independent oversight that HAARP must observe. These are the agencies or organizations that are members of this Committee:

Resolution Committee Membership:

- Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association
- ALASCOM
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska Fish & Game
- Alyeska Pipeline Services
- American Radio Relay League (ARRL)
- Coast Guard LORAN Station (Tok, AK)
- Community-Appointed Resident (Copper Center, AK)
- Federal Aviation Administration (Anchorage Office)
- Fish & Wildlife (Federal)
- National Park Service
- Joint Frequency Management Office (Elmendorf AFB)
- HAARP Facility Prime Contractor
- Navy Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

In addition, the HAARP Program Office is required to have an educated and experienced Environmental Liaison Officer (ELO), whose sole responsibility is monitoring all construction and operational aspects of this project (that person is a Senior Environmental Scientist, with a Ph.D. and more than 25 years of experience). This additional oversight position was made a requirement as part of the HAARP environmental review process.

HAARP has tried to be responsive to the public's need for independent review. In addition to providing information to the local representative on the Resolution Committee and through this Web Site, informational meetings and presentations take place regularly. For example, technical presentations are given at the Prince William Sound Community College on the research being conducted at the facility, talks have been provided to Amateur Radio Clubs and other interested organizations, and the HAARP program maintains an active community outreach effort with help from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. In addition, HAARP hosts Open Houses at the Gakona Research Station and provides tours of the facility for organized community and school groups.

All potential known environmental consequences of constructing and operating HAARP have been thoroughly studied, investigated, and reviewed, by appropriate independent authorities. HAARP can operate only at power levels, frequencies, and durations that have been reviewed and approved by the regulatory oversight agencies as stated in the EIS. The active voluntary and formal independent oversight assures the safe operation of HAARP.

Read more:

The [National Environmental Policy Act](#) (from the Environmental Protection Agency).

The [National Environmental Policy Act](#) (from Wikipedia).

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