



Public Involvement Policy Workshop #3

Aug. 25, 2026



Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenters
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Joel Scruggs Chief Communications Officer
9:20 a.m.	Draft Policy Update and Changes	Maryam Habibi Media, Policy Communication & Writing Daniel Hinkle Strategic Communication & Engagement
10:30 a.m.	Next Steps	

Note: Times are approximate. Workshop may also include a 5-10 min. break

Workshop objectives

Today's objectives:

- Discuss proposed policy changes.
- Gather final interim feedback.
- Review next steps.



Welcome and opening remarks

Joel Scruggs

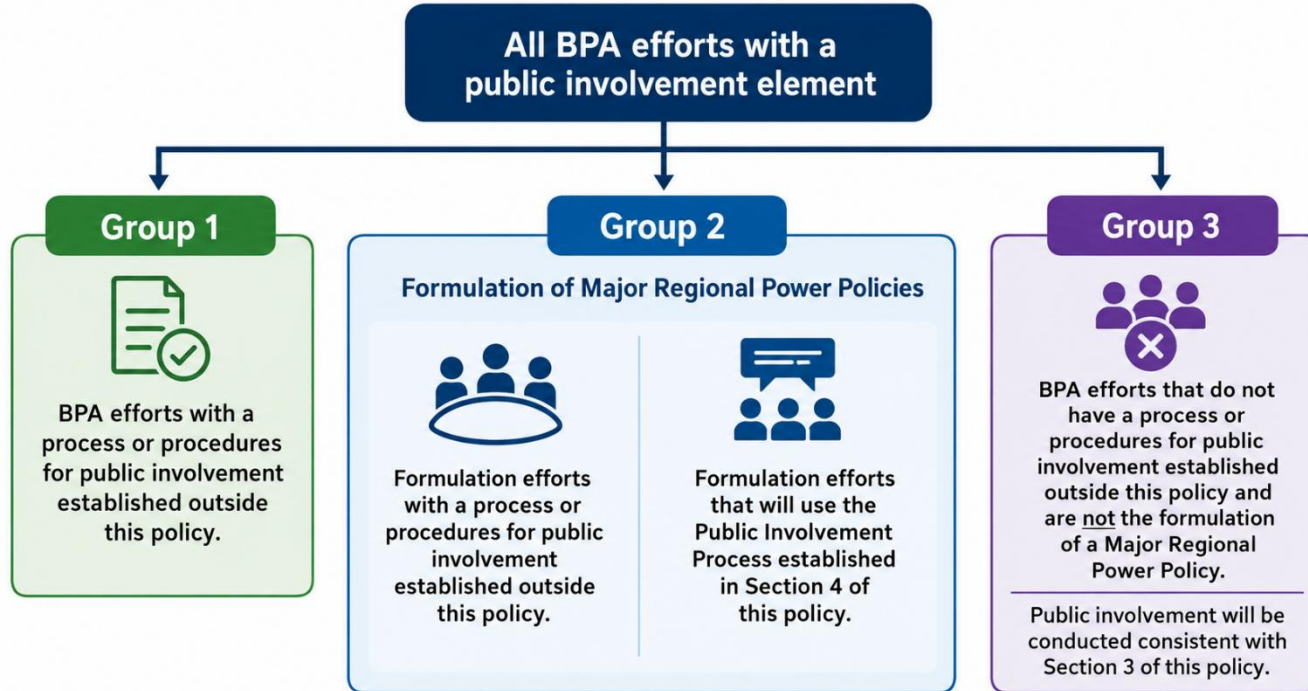
Chief Communications Officer

Change in approach

- Beyond the 1986 Policy framework and procedures
- From redline to rewrite
- Building a transparent, mutually beneficial policy for modern BPA business
- Preserving core commitments
- Updating definitions and transparency

Updated policy and proposed changes

2026 Policy proposal

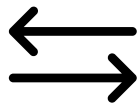


Key policy definitions



Feedback

- Provide clarity around informal vs. formal comments including whether they will be shared publicly, time allowed for comments and where they may be addressed.



Proposed change

- **Interim public feedback:** Input gathered *during* policy development/formulation (replaces "informal comments").
- **Official public comment:** Input gathered during designated formal windows on concrete proposals (replaces "formal comments").

Public forums



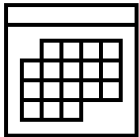
- Eliminating mandatory requirement for standalone oral comment forums.
- Meeting forums and technology have shifted substantially since 1986.



- BPA retains discretion to host forums when beneficial.

Commitments and best practices

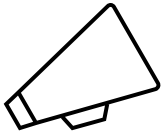
- **Public comments**



- Interim public feedback period: Provide 7 calendar days minimum with notice on intended use
- Official public comment period: Provide 30 calendar days minimum
- *BPA Administrator retains discretion to shorten timelines in exigent circumstances with explanation*

Commitments and best practices

- **Notice guidelines**



- BPA commits to publishing notice of general involvement activities, outlining engagement types offered.
- Meeting notice: Publish 14 days prior to the meeting
- Meeting agendas/materials: Post 3 days prior to the meeting
- *BPA Administrator retains discretion to shorten timelines in exigent circumstances with explanation*

Commitments and best practices

- **Record retention**



- BPA commits to retaining public records per applicable requirements and maintaining access on BPA's website.

Modernizing external engagement



- BPA is modernizing public engagement notification methods (*internal project defining requirements*).
- Feedback from workshop/comments being considered:
 - Notice everything via Tech Forum
 - Include options to subscribe
 - Include ics with event or email (*allowing add-to-calendar*)
 - Clearly identify points-of-contact on documents
 - Document retention (*policy version history, context*)

**Feedback not
incorporated into
the policy**

Next steps

Interim public feedback

- Feedback on issues discussed today or any final issues due COB Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026
- Send feedback to communications@bpa.gov.

Upcoming milestones

Staff review interim feedback, internal refinement of draft policy	End of August-September
Official public comment period on draft policy	30 days, estimated late September-October
Publish final policy, Record of Decision	Anticipate early 2027