

January 26, 2012

The Council on Environmental Quality,  
ATTN: Horst Greczmiel,  
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Dear Mr. Greczmiel,

I wish to submit comments on the following: The NEPA Draft Guidance "Improving the Process for Preparing Efficient and Timely Environmental Reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act". [FR Doc. 2011-31983 Filed 12-12-11; 8:45 am] **Federal Register** /Vol. 76, No. 239 /Tuesday, December 13, 2011 /Notices.

National Environmental Policy Act was enacted when I was a young environmentalist. We were really excited to have such a good law protect the environment. Then I went to sleep for 35 years only to wake up find that most of the time and money of the US Fish and Wildlife Service is now being spent on frivolous litigation by the very environmental groups that I once had faith in.

I will be commenting on other issues, but the improvement revisions just seem to be watering down the powers of NEPA, not helping them. It seems to take away the States abilities to have a chance to confer and coordinate the Federal Actions with their conservation goals. I think NEPA was meant to acknowledge that the States may have better on the ground knowledge of what conservation means to them.

Please to not water down the current NEPA Document.

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