



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 18, 2017

The Honorable Kenneth E. Mapp  
Office of the Governor  
Government House  
Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802

Dear Governor Mapp:

Thank you for your August 8, 2017 letter requesting that three projects be identified as high priority infrastructure projects pursuant to Executive Order 13766.

On August 15, 2017, the President signed Executive Order 13807 which directs Federal agencies to use existing coordination provisions to expedite the environmental review requirements for priority infrastructure projects. Under Executive Order 13807, projects which meet the criteria for, and are subject to, 23 U.S.C. 139 (Transportation Projects), 33 U.S.C. 2348 (Water Resource Development Projects), or 42 U.S.C. 4370m *et. seq.* (Covered Projects under Title 41 of the FAST Act) will qualify as high priority infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Executive Director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council) may determine that other projects, subject to special environmental review and authorization streamlining processes, also qualify as high priority infrastructure projects.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has reviewed the three projects which were the subject of your August 8 letter. Based on that review, CEQ has notified the Executive Director of the Permitting Council that these three projects may qualify as high priority infrastructure projects. A representative of the Permitting Council will be reaching out to your office with more information on these projects' eligibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Neumayr".

Mary Neumayr  
Chief of Staff

CC: Janet Pfleeger, Acting Executive Director of the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council  
Douglas Hoelscher, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of White House Intergovernmental Affairs