Attachment 11A

Explanatory Note for Department of Interior Report
May 3, 2010

Attached, please find the subject report. This report includes all DOI bureaus and offices required to report under the ARRA, (the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination (OWFC), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Bureau of Reclamation (BR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Central Utah Completion Account (CUCA)). The attached DOI summary and the bureau and office reports have been prepared in accordance with CEQ's reporting guidance of April 3, 2009, and the additional CEQ guidance of November 20, 2009. In addition to the tabular data reports, we are providing an explanatory note for each reporting bureau and office.

We have continued to make substantial progress since the previous reporting period. This report represents an overall decrease in the number of pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) actions from 29.3% for the last reporting period, to 6.3% for this reporting period. The individual bureau and office explanations provide detail of their individual progress and outlines revisions such as, increases in completion, additions, and withdrawals. Explanations have also been provided for pending projects that have been carried over from the previous report. The individual bureau and office explanations also provide several examples of the benefits and value added by NEPA.

# # #