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Explanatory Note for Department of Interior (DOI)
May 2, 2011

Memorandum

To: Horst G. Greczmiel, Associate Director
National Environmental Policy Act Oversight
Council on Environmental Quality

From: Willie R. Taylor, Director
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Department of the Interior, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Status and Progress for Recovery Act Activities and Projects Report Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Section 1609(c) – Period Ending March 31, 2011

This report includes all Department of the Interior (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), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Central Utah Completion Project (CUCP)). The attached DOI summary and the bureau and office reports have been prepared in accordance with CEQ's reporting guidance. In addition to the tabular data reports, we are providing an explanatory note for each reporting bureau and office.

As illustrated in the attached spreadsheet, our reporting bureaus and offices are now reporting the completion of all NEPA actions. The attached spreadsheet also succinctly highlights the accomplishment of DOI, in reducing the number of pending NEPA actions with respect to ARRA funded projects from 88% in the first reporting period of April 2009 to 0% in the current reporting period. The individual bureau and office explanations provide details of their individual accomplishments and outline any changes since the previous report. The individual bureau and office explanations also provide several examples of the benefits and value added by NEPA.

Attachments

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