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Memorandum

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National Environmental Policy Act Oversight  
Council on Environmental Quality

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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 September 30, 2011

This report finalizes the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) reporting requirements for NEPA as required under the ARRA. 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), the Central Utah Completion Project (CUCP), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)). 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, DOI reported the completion of all NEPA actions in its report for the period ending March 31, 2011. The individual bureau and office explanations provide information regarding any changes in obligated funds, the individual explanations also provide details of their individual accomplishments and outline any changes since the previous report. In addition, the individual bureau and office explanations provide several examples of the benefits and value added by NEPA.

DOI completes its reporting requirements for NEPA under the ARRA with all NEPA actions completed, and with a steady increase towards the obligation of funds for projects and activities.

Attachments