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Memorandum

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Council on Environmental Quality

Through: Willie R. Taylor, Director
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From: Laura Ceperley, Acting Assistant Director
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Subject: Submission of Comments for the National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA) Guidance on Categorical Exclusions (CXs)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Council on Environmental Quality's proposed guidance for establishing and using CXs. This memorandum transmits the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) consolidated comments. The BLM believes the NEPA Task Force effort helps to clarify procedures for developing and implementing administrative CXs.

Specific comments are attached in the document entitled "BLM Consolidated Comments CEQ CX Guidance." Additionally, the BLM requests a clear disclaimer or clarification stating that proposed guidance applies only to administratively created categorical exclusions. Agencies should review the Energy Policy Act of 2005 or other statutory language for guidance on implementing statutory CXs.

If you have questions, please contact Deb Rawhouser, Chief, Division of Planning and Science Policy at (202) 452-0354.

Attachment

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