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NEPA Task Force Web Site Reports a New Feedback Entry:

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Comments: Hello,

I would like to express my concern at the re-evaluation of NEPA standards. Under President Bush's administration, anti-environmental attitudes are rather obvious (his opening of National Parks to logging interests instead of taking alternate measures is an example of this).

As a citizen, I do not want to see a relaxation in any environmental efforts won in the past. In fact, I would like to see an increase in required studies and work before a corporation can produce anything - if the product is deemed necessary and not harmful in its creation, then it should be cleared for production. This measure would easily extend to other, non-productive practices that businesses utilize as well. Filling out requisite paperwork may take time, but taking actions should always be carefully thought out, not only in terms of profit, but also in how it will affect the people, their health, and their surrounding world.

There is a form of policy which says something to the effect of, "if the potential effects could be harmful [to the environment], don't take the action at all." At some point we, as people, must realize that this sort of reasoning is necessary - at some point, growth must become secondary to protecting and preserving the resources, beauty, and health of the planet. For what is

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without a healthy and happy populace to enjoy it?



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