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When the National Environmental Policy Act became law, we believed that the environmental awareness that began with Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" had produced the mechanism for, finally, forcing the federal government to evaluate alternatives. We foolishly believed that the exploiters would be stopped cold in their tracks. We trusted the White House Council on Environmental Quality to "do the wise and right thing" as they wrote implementing regulations. We have been greatly disappointed!

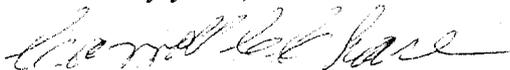
Instead CEQ has created thousands of pages of rules and the courts have made many foolish judgments. Billions of taxpayer dollars are now being wasted on an exercise that has brought most federal agencies to a near stand-still while bureaucrats hide behind the NEPA threat of a lawsuit. Radicals, posing as environmentalists, have found NEPA to be the best way to stop worthwhile federal projects by simply finding a like-minded federal judge and filing a frivolous lawsuit. Most of these court actions do not speak to the substance of the project but some unimportant technicality of the self serving NEPA conspirators. All the while federal employees, by the thousands, are simply going through the slow, expensive NEPA steps. The exploiters are simply using our tax money to hire expensive consultants to "do their NEPA documents" and the exploitation continues untethered.

Here's an example that matters to me. I love to crappie fish. Double-crested cormorants have increased in number until they are eating up sport fish and tons of forage fish that feed them, to say nothing of farm raised catfish. This is a major problem over most of North America. For years, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has used NEPA to delay needed reduction in cormorant numbers by "writing an environmental impact statement." This has gotten so ridiculous that Senate Bill 909 has been introduced to grant migratory bird management authority to USDA's Wildlife Services, since that agency is the only one that can or will help. S.909 had to contain a NEPA waiver to have any hope of actually getting any cormorants killed.

Please abolish NEPA! There are enough safeguards in place already and this action alone could balance the federal budget by the billions of dollars that would be saved.

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