

Rachel Thomas comment received by e-mail 4/2/2007

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Dear Mr. Greczmiel

Please accept the following as my comments on the Citizen's Guide to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). My comments will focus on the issue of getting the information from the agencies to the local governments and citizens of the country and the use of the Federal Register to accomplish this task.

I find the present system is not working for the agencies involved in resource management. Especially the agencies of the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture. There is nothing consistent about the way the agencies use the different methods to notify the local citizens and the people who will be most impacted by the agency's action.

I recommend that it be a requirement that every NEPA action be published in the Federal Register. The Federal Register is now available on the internet. This would provide one location that every person could know as a source to locate actions pertaining to their area regardless of the agency.

It is getting to where fewer and fewer of the Department of Interior and Department of Agriculture actions are published in the Federal Register.

If you wish, I can provide you a list of examples of Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements that have not been published in the Federal Register.

Sincerely

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