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ACT TASK FORCE REPORT

On behalf of the NEPA task force members, I am pleased to present to you *The NEPA Task Force Report to the Council on Environmental Quality, Modernizing NEPA Implementation*.

We undertook this task recognizing the value that NEPA provides as well as the concern that the NEPA process was becoming no more than a process, losing its focus on helping federal agencies make better informed decisions. The task force took its formidable task to heart, developing recommendations covering a broad spectrum of implementation issues that seek to improve, and reinvigorate, the NEPA process.

This report provides a framework for moving forward with all parties interested in modernizing NEPA. Environmental stewardship requires informed decisions and making the NEPA process more effective, more efficient and more timely will help ensure federal agencies' take environmental considerations into account as they strive to fulfill their missions.

Each chapter provides detailed recommendations with implementation proposals focused on a particular aspect of the NEPA process, and the conclusion provides you with the task force's priorities for acting on those recommendations. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the report and continuing to work towards improving the NEPA process.