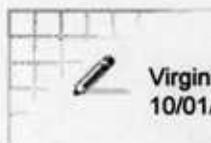


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I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to this task force. In many places energy project leasing or permitting has come to a standstill. Either political entities have stepped in and literally sidetracked the process or the agency is helplessly mired down in the NEPA process. The following are my comments on improving the process:

- All agencies should use the same regulations for implementing NEPA. The Forest Service procedures on surveys and due process is significantly different than the Bureau of Land Management for the same activity.
- More use of Categorical Exclusions. Particularly where an activity in an environment is pretty routine and the impacts and affects are well known and documented; e.g. oil and gas wells in Williston Basin.
- Standard mitigation measures that address routine activity issues; e.g. groundwater protection. If these mitigation measures are incorporated in the project then that issue is satisfied under NEPA.

I wish you well in your task and appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

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