

White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining



The White House Task Force On Energy Project Streamlining
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Washington, D.C. 20585

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Mr./Ms.
Chair,

Dear Mr/MS:

Executive Order 13212 of May 18, 2001 established "The White House Task Force On Energy Project Streamlining" (Task Force). It is charged with assisting and monitoring federal agencies' efforts to expedite energy related projects while maintaining safety, public health, and environmental protections. The Task Force, chaired by the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, is also directed to help agencies coordinate federal, state, tribal and local permitting in geographic areas where increased permitting activity is expected. The Task Force issued a Federal Register notice call for comments and has been receiving written public comments on specific projects and/or general process improvements since August 2001. In addition to the written public comments, the Task Force held a series of open houses allowing the public to further elaborate on comments already submitted and for others who had not previously submitted written comments to share their views. Detailed information about the Task Force including Executive Order 13212 and its public outreach efforts can be found at <http://www.etf.energy.gov/>.

The Task Force has identified a need for federal permitting agencies to better educate stakeholders to improve their general level of knowledge of agency specific permitting requirements and processes. This seems especially critical for energy infrastructure projects that involve federally held public lands and right-of-way authorizations.

As a result, the members of the Task Force and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) designed an inter-agency Energy Right-of-Way Permitting Workshop for Federal Land Procedures and Streamlining Initiatives. You are cordially invited to attend this 1-½ day inter-agency workshop. **The session will be held October 8-9, 2002, at the BLM National Training Center and Crown Plaza Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.**

This workshop will include all government decision-making agencies involved with the Right-of-Way process and speakers include the Chairman from the White House's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Principal Advisor to the BLM Director, for National Energy Policy Implementation. The tuition fee is \$150.00, which

includes your workshop fee and two lunches. Please see the attached brochure for further details on the workshop and registration information. Be sure to complete the registration information and send the registration and payment to the mailing address below by **August 9, 2002** (seating is limited). You must fill out the entire registration form and make your lunch selection. All lunch selections are final. Make checks payable to: *Bureau of Land Management*.

Mailing Address: **9828 N. 31st Avenue**
 Attn: Chantel Jordan, BLM Training Coordinator
 Phoenix, Arizona 85051-2517
 (Telephone: 602-906-5500).

Once the BLM has received your registration form and payment, you will receive a confirmation letter by either mail or email with the workshop logistical information. Attached, you will also find the agenda for the workshop. Note that all Federal Managers will attend the workshop, reception and both luncheons.

If you have any questions regarding the Task Force, or the workshop contact Ron Montagna at telephone 202-586-2645, e-mail ronald.montagna@hq.doe.gov or via fax at 202-586-2999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Va Stephens". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Director, White House Task Force
On Energy Project Streamlining