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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Chairman, Environment and Public Works Committee  
United States Senate  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe  
Ranking Member, Environment and Public Works Committee  
United States Senate  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Inhofe:

I respectfully submit the eleventh and final report on Federal department and agency compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pursuant to the President's assignment of his reporting function under Subsection 1609(c) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). The full report is available online at [www.nepa.gov](http://www.nepa.gov).

This report covers all NEPA activity for Recovery Act Division A funded projects and activities through September 30, 2011. The fifteen Departments and nine Independent Agencies reported to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) that their NEPA analyses are informing decisions for expenditure of Recovery Act funds in a timely and environmentally sound manner.

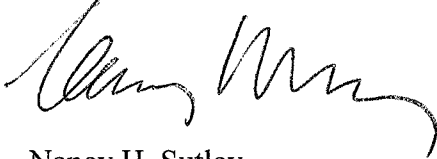
The reporting departments and agencies efforts demonstrate that we can respect the health of our environment and add value to our decisions by conducting environmental reviews while expeditiously contributing to our nation's economic health. Approximately 99.9 percent of NEPA actions have been completed. This report highlights several examples where the environmental review process assisted Federal agencies in improving the quality of their decisions, thereby saving money and energy, protecting vital resources, and increasing public participation.

As of September 30, 2011, more than 192,700 NEPA reviews were completed. More than 184,730 Categorical Exclusions (CE) were completed. The CEs were used when the departments and agencies found the project or activity did not have significant individual or cumulative effects on the human environment. The departments and agencies reported completing more than 7,130 Environmental Assessments (EA) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). They also reported analyzing more than 840 projects or activities in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) where the NEPA review was completed with a Record of Decision (ROD).

In addition to the more than 192,700 completed NEPA reviews, fewer than 210 NEPA reviews are still underway. NEPA reviews still underway include 80 CEs, approximately 110 EAs, and fewer than 20 EISs. The pending total represents a decrease of approximately 100 in the number of pending NEPA reviews since June 30, 2010. The Recovery Act funds for activities with pending reviews remain available and all the departments and agencies that have outstanding reviews project will satisfy their NEPA responsibilities for the remaining Recovery Act funded activities.

The completed environmental reviews support making more than \$300.7 billion in Recovery Act funds available, an increase of approximately \$3.79 billion since the previous reporting period. For up-to-date information regarding the status of agency obligations and payments under the Recovery Act, please see the Recovery Act website at [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy H. Sutley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nancy H. Sutley  
Chair