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Hi Steve – Please come prepared to discuss DOI's plans in response to the following CEQ IFR and guidance. Greg and I are planning to attend a CEQ briefing on Wednesday. Invite others to this discussion as needed.

Thank you,
Charlie Dankert

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On January 20, 2025 President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order (EO) 14154, *Unleashing American Energy*. The EO directs the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to:

- Provide guidance on implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to expedite and simplify the permitting process; and
- Propose rescinding CEQ's NEPA regulations found at 40 CFR 1500 *et seq.*

CEQ submitted the [Interim Final Rule](#) to the *Federal Register* to rescind CEQ's NEPA regulations and issued [guidance](#) to agencies on NEPA implementation moving forward. Furthermore, CEQ is directed by the EO to convene a working group to assist agencies in revising their agency-specific NEPA procedures.

DOI should not delay pending, ongoing, or initiating new NEPA analyses while undertaking these revisions. Agencies should rely on their existing practices and procedures for NEPA consistent with the text of NEPA, EO 14154, and CEQ's guidance.

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