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	Agency	Sub-agency	RIN/Agency Identifier (if applicable)	Referenced Recommendation Number	Agency Action Title	Type of Agency Action	Preliminary Summary	Expected Start Date (XX/20XX)	Expected Finalization (XX/20XX)	Energy Industry Affected	Identified EO 137 and/o EO 137
1	BLM				Permanent Instruction Memorandum (Permanent IM) 2017-003 (Jan. 12, 2017) – The Council on Environmental Quality Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews	Policy	This Permanent IM transmits the CEQ guidance on consideration of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the effects of climate change in NEPA reviews. This Memorandum also provides general guidelines for calculating reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect GHG emissions of proposed actions. As the CEQ guidance was withdrawn pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order 13783, the BLM Permanent IM will be rescinded. A re-issued IM would clarify that downstream or indirect effects may be difficult to quantify, especially when production or modeling information is not available (such as with a lease sale in an exploratory area). Clarified guidance would reduce or eliminate speculative NEPA analysis in such situations. It would also relieve BLM offices of attempting to quantify downstream emissions that are completely outside of the BLM's jurisdictional authority (e.g., refineries that process gas from a wide mix of sources, including non-Federal sources).	07/2017	TBD	Multiple Industries	No
5	BLM				Mitigation Manual Section (MS-1794) and Handbook (H-1794-1)	Policy	The Mitigation Manual Section and Handbook provide direction on the use of mitigation, including compensatory mitigation, to support the BLM's multiple use and sustained yield mandates. The 2016 Manual and Handbook replaced several IMs (IM Numbers 2005-069, 2008-204, and 2013-14) issued by BLM for the same purpose. The 2016 Manual and Handbook encourage identification of mitigation standards that seek to achieve "no net loss" or "net benefit" for resources that BLM has determined are important, scarce, sensitive, or that have a protective legal mandate. A "net benefit" standard may burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources and may be appropriate only in limited circumstances, for example where it is voluntary or will clearly benefit BLM-managed resources, the states, local communities, industry, and other primary stakeholders. This potential burden would be reduced or eliminated through revision of the Mitigation Manual and Handbook, specifically through identifying a mitigation standard that is generally not more protective than "no net loss." Other revisions, such as clarifying what resources require compensatory mitigation, and how to calculate the appropriate kind and amount of compensatory mitigation, may further reduce this potential burden.	07/2017	TBD	Multiple Industries	No
6	BLM				BLM Manual 6220 – National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations	Policy	Manual 6220 provides guidance for managing BLM National Conservation Lands designated by Congress or the President as National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and similar designations (NM/NCA) in order to comply with the designating Acts of Congress and Presidential Proclamations, Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7202). Manual 6220 requires that when processing a new ROW application, to the greatest extent possible, through the NEPA process the BLM will determine the consistency of the ROW with the Monument or NCA's objects and	07/2017	Dependent upon mitigation guidance completion	Multiple Industries	No

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