

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ex Parte Communications, U.S. Department of Energy
FROM: Stephen Schima, Earthjustice
DATE: December 20, 2023
RE: Earthjustice, NRDC, NWF, and WE ACT for Environmental Justice Ex Parte
Communication with DOE on DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures Rulemaking

Videoconference Summary

Attendees:

- Carrie Abravanel – Department of Energy
- Brian Costner – Department of Energy
- Cullen Howe – Natural Resources Defense Council
- Jasmine Jennings – WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Nick Lawton – Earthjustice
- Veronica Ung-Kono – National Wildlife Federation
- Stephen Schima – Earthjustice
- Smitha Vemuri – Department of Energy

Issues Discussed:

The attendees identified above met on December 14, 2023. The non-governmental attendees presented recommendations on the Department of Energy's NEPA categorical exclusion rulemaking (Docket ID DOE-HQ-2023-0063) including clarifications about best management practices, scope of the categorical exclusions, substantiation of categorical exclusions, and consideration of environmental justice in application of categorical exclusions.