

program are not subject to Executive Order 12372.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism). This notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as defined in Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review). This notice is not a significant regulatory action under Sections 3(f)(3) and 3(f)(4) of Executive Order 12866, as it does not materially alter the budgetary impact of a grant program and does not raise novel policy issues. This notice is not an “economically significant” regulatory action under Section 3(f)(1) of the Executive Order, as it does not have an effect on the economy of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it does not have a material adverse effect on the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

Administrative Procedure Act and Regulatory Flexibility Act. Prior notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: February 17, 2010.

Marc G. Stanley,

Acting Deputy Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on the Department of Justice's Actions Related to the New Black Panther Party Litigation and its Enforcement of Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act

Correction

Notice document 2010-3168 appearing on page 7441 in the issue of Friday, February 19, 2010 was included in error. The document was withdrawn and should not have appeared in the issue.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Unblockable Drains/Public Accommodations—Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act/Minimum State Requirements for Grants.

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at <http://www.cpsc.gov/webcast/index.html>.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 504-7923.

Dated: February 12, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Guidance, Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Guidance, “Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act.”

SUMMARY: On February 18, 2010, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) announced four steps to modernize, reinvigorate, and ease the use and increase the transparency of implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Enacted in 1970, NEPA is a fundamental tool used to harmonize our economic, environmental, and social aspirations and is a cornerstone of our Nation's efforts to protect the environment. NEPA recognizes that many Federal activities affect the environment and mandates that Federal agencies consider

the environmental impacts of their proposed actions before acting. Additionally, NEPA emphasizes public involvement in government actions affecting the environment by requiring that the benefits and the risks associated with proposed actions be assessed and publicly disclosed.

CEQ, which is charged with implementing NEPA, recognizes that it is a visionary and versatile law that can be used effectively to address new environmental challenges facing our Nation and also to engage the public widely and effectively. Furthermore, CEQ wants to develop more effective and accessible tools for citizen involvement in government decision-making. These actions are designed to provide carefully-tailored new assessment and reporting requirements, facilitate agency compliance with NEPA, and enhance the quality of public involvement in governmental decisions relating to the environment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before April 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The NEPA Draft Guidance documents are available at <http://www.nepa.gov>. Comments on the NEPA Draft Guidance “Establishing, Applying, and Revising Categorical Exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act” should be submitted electronically to CE.guidance@ceq.eop.gov, or in writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Ted Boling, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Boling, Senior Counsel, at (202) 395-5750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many Federal actions do not have significant effects on the environment. When these actions fall into broad categories of activities, agencies may apply a “categorical exclusion” from further NEPA review. This draft guidance clarifies the rules for categorical exclusions and ensures that there is a concise public record when agencies apply them. While CEQ previously has sought public comments on this matter, this guidance provides additional clarifications, so it will seek additional public comment for 45 days. Draft guidance documents are now available at the Council on Environmental Quality Web site at <http://www.nepa.gov>.

Public comments are requested on or before April 9, 2010.

February 18, 2010.

Nancy Sutley,

Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Guidance, "Consideration of the Effects of Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions."

AGENCY: Council On Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Guidance, "Consideration of the Effects of Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions."

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DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before May 24, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The NEPA Draft Guidance documents are available at <http://www.nepa.gov>. Comments on the NEPA Draft Guidance "Consideration of the Effects of Climate Change and

Greenhouse Gas Emissions" should be submitted electronically to GCC.guidance@ceq.eop.gov, or in writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Ted Boling, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CEQ is issuing draft guidance for public comment on when and how Federal agencies must consider the impacts of proposed Federal actions on global climate change, as well as the expected environmental effects from climate change that may be relevant to the design of the proposed Federal action. CEQ has been asked to provide guidance on this subject informally by Federal agencies and formally by a petition under the Administrative Procedure Act. The draft guidance explains how Federal agencies should analyze the environmental impacts of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change when they describe the environmental impacts of a proposed action under NEPA by (1) providing practical tools for agency reporting, including a presumptive threshold of 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from the proposed action to trigger consideration of a quantitative analysis, and (2) suggestions to agencies on how to assess the effects of climate change on the proposed action, and, in turn, on the design of agency actions. CEQ will seek public comment on this guidance for 90 days. Draft guidance documents are now available at the Council on Environmental Quality Web site at <http://www.nepa.gov>.

Public comments are requested on or before May 24, 2010.

February 18, 2010.

Nancy Sutley,

Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Guidance, "NEPA Mitigation and Monitoring."

AGENCY: Council On Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Draft Guidance, "NEPA Mitigation and Monitoring."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Draft Guidance Clarifying (1) the Appropriateness of "Findings of No Significant Impact" and (2) Specifying the Need for Ongoing Monitoring of Environmental Mitigation Commitments: Many Federal actions receive an environmental review, known as an Environmental Assessment. In those instances, NEPA compliance is usually completed with a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) on the environment and a more