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Subject: CEQ EJ GUIDANCE REVIEW

Hampton - To confirm our earlier telecon, both NRR Office Letter No. 906, Rev 1 (9/27/96) and NMSS Policy and Procedures Letter 1-50, Rev. 1 (4/95) state: "When the CEQ guidelines are available, this interim procedure will be revised, as required."

The NRC guidance notes that until the CEQ guidelines are received, EJ reviews will be performed for all actions requiring preparation of an EIS or a supplement to an EIS. Reviews are not normally required for EAs in which a FONSI is made unless warranted by special circumstances. Also, senior management will decide on a case-by-case basis when special circumstances exist that require the staff to perform an EJ justice review for an EA.

Do let me know if a more formal request for OGC review of CEQ's final EJ NEPA guidance and its impact on current NRC EJ guidance is necessary. In any event, current NRC guidance will need updating to reflect CEQ guidance became final, etc. Thanks, Hampton.

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