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Department of Homeland Security
Environmental Planning
Office of Safety and Environment
Washington, D.C. 20528

Gentlemen:

The National Environmental Policy Act requires advance public notice and full public involvement in all activities and regulations affecting our environment, our wild lands.

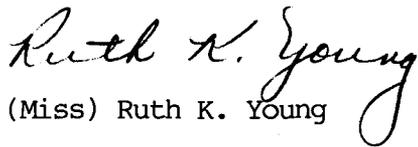
Your department is ignoring these requirements for openness and is composing policies and regulations in direct opposition to such openness.

Your "categorical exclusions" and "sensitive information" designations are merely additional hallmarks of George W. Bush's determination to prevent the United States citizens from having any knowledge of his nefarious designs.

I am opposed to the Department's use of such secrecy and I demand an immediate end to these policy procedures and regulations.

The welfare of the United States cannot be secured by keeping citizens in the dark and uninformed. Therefore, I do not accept your current planning and request its immediate cessation to be followed by truly open and fully public involvement and input.

Sincerely,


(Miss) Ruth K. Young

cc: Senator Bill Frist
Senator Lamar Alexander
Representative Zach Wamp
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