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Re: DHA draft procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my opposition to this blanket exemption as it is too broad and therefore would invite abuse. It would also hide enormous amounts of environmental data that would have little value in terms of national security. In addition, many of the categories of information that are cited by the DHS are new and not well-defined.

Furthermore, the DHS asserts that the public could review all other parts of information generated under NEPA after the DHS moves any protected information to an appendix for the viewing of decision makers only, unless segregation would leave essentially meaningless material. In that event the DHS would withhold the entire NEPA analysis from the public. There are no procedures within the directive for how the DHS would determine what components of environmental analysis the public may find meaningful.

Sincerely,  
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