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Dear DHS,

These comments are on behalf of Heartwood, a regional environmental organization based in Bloomington, Indiana, regarding the DHS NEPA procedures. Our organization has significant expertise in the application of this law. We have reviewed the comments of the Tri-Valley Cares and the NRDC organizations, and we share their concerns. We believe that NEPA's focus is on a transparent, democratic process that involves the public and gives a "hard look" at the environmental impacts of its proposals. We urge the agency to stay consistent with the CEQ regulations and involve the public to the maximum extent possible. Thank you for considering these comments.

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