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David Reese  
Office of Safety and Environment  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Re: Proposed NEPA Directive – Request for Extension of Public Comment Period for an additional 30 days after the administrative record is provided.

Dear Mr. Reese:

On behalf of the 750,000 member Sierra Club, I ask that after the administrative record is made available that a 30-day extension of the public comment period be granted for Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) proposed directive containing policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). 69 Fed. Reg. 33043 (June 14, 2004).

The initial 30 days comment timelines is insufficient to provide a full record of the public concerns and ideas regarding the proposed directive. Of particular concern is the sweeping nature of the activities affected by the directive and that many communities nationwide could be affected by DHS activities. We believe that a 60 day comment period would best benefit the public. This additional time is need to adequately inform potentially affected citizens of the directive, give them time to evaluate the proposal, and write comments.

Thank you for consideration of this request. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sierra Club's Washington, DC office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Boger".

Debbie Boger  
Legislative Director  
Sierra Club