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**Subject:** Re: Greenpeace 'Unearthed': BP and NEPA

On Jan 21, 2020, at 12:40 PM, Nicholas, David H <[REDACTED]@bp.com> wrote:

And as is usual practice, they have a media outlet along for the ride - the Guardian in this case:

I hope you're well

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=CEQ-2018-0001-12030>

Best regards

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**Importance:** High

Jason, Bob

Another example of Greenpeace's 'Unearthed' reporting arm mining details of US regulatory consultation/lobbying to try to construct a story.

I don't know NEPA, nor our position. Do you think we would want to provide any detailed response? If so, can you recommend a response?

I'm sorry to pass this on with one of their typically short deadlines for the US - as you'll see they would like response ideally by 7pm UK, 2pm DC today.

David

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Hi David,

I hope you're well? I'm working on a story regarding the proposed changes to the regulations for implementing the US National Environmental Policy Act, recently announced by the Trump administration, and wanted to give you an opportunity to comment on the following. If you wish to provide comment, please send it through by **19:00 GMT Tuesday 21 January**.

1. BP, together with the American Petroleum Institute, successfully lobbied the Trump administration to exclude "indirect" and "cumulative" greenhouse gas impacts from NEPA assessments.
2. BP attended an August 6 2018 meeting at the White House with the Council on Environmental Quality to discuss reforms to NEPA. The meeting was requested by the API and also attended by Shell, Exxon, Chevron and Phillips 66.
3. BP also submitted a letter to CEQ in August 2018 welcoming reforms to NEPA and endorsing a set of proposals submitted by API. This included multiple suggestions for how to exclude indirect and cumulative greenhouse gas emissions from NEPA environmental assessments. The letter also requested that predominantly state or privately funded projects not be considered as major federal actions, something which could exempt projects such as oil pipelines from the NEPA process.

4. Both directly and through its public affairs consultancy, REGULATORY STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC, BP has lobbied the Trump administration on NEPA since 2017, according to Senate lobbying disclosure records.

Question:

5. Does BP believe that its efforts to take the indirect and cumulative climate impacts of major fossil fuel projects outside of the scope of NEPA is consistent with its claim to support the Paris Agreement and efforts to limit global temperature increases to 1.5C?

As mentioned above please respond by **19:00 GMT Tuesday 21 January**. It would also be much appreciated if you could acknowledge receipt of this email.

Best wishes,

Lawrence

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