MEMORANDUM FOR THE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT STEERING COUNCIL (FPISC)

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF COVERED PROJECT INVENTORY

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41), this memorandum serves to establish the inventory of “covered projects that are pending the environmental review or authorization of the head of any Federal agency.” 42 U.S.C. §4370m-1(c)(1)(A)(i). After careful consideration of the FAST-41 statutory definitions and extensive discussions with agency leadership and staff, the 34 projects listed in the attached Appendix are hereby designated “covered projects” for the purposes of FAST-41 and are subject to the requirements therein. A specific entry for each project (with two exceptions noted below) has been created on the Permitting Dashboard, which can be viewed at the following link: https://www.permits.performance.gov/projects.

The designated facilitating or lead agency is now required to develop a concise, coordinated project plan for each covered project and upload it to the dashboard not later than November 29, 2016 per 42 U.S.C. §4370m-2(c)(1)(A). These plans should meet the requirements and intent of the statute and serve to guide public and agency participation throughout the remainder of any required Federal environmental review and authorizations. Agencies preparing coordinated project plans are responsible for addressing each of the four elements reflected in the statute. For projects listed in this memo, Agencies are only required to outline those steps that are still outstanding in their permitting timetables, and are encouraged to make extensive reference to already published materials.

For two of the designated projects; HUD East Side Coastal Resiliency and HUD Hudson River Project, the project information contained on the Sandy Regional Infrastructure Resiliency Coordination (SRIRC) websites (http://www1.nyc.gov/site/escr/index.page, and http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodresilience/rbd-hudsonriver.htm) is deemed sufficient to meet the FAST-41 requirements.

Completed Coordinated Project Plans must be uploaded to the Permitting community page on the MAX portal at the following link:
https://community.max.gov/display/CrossAgencyExternal/Coordinated+Project+Plans

Project review schedules should be posted to the Permitting Dashboard, using the process outlined in the Permitting Dashboard trainings and the webinar available at:

There are a number of “potential” covered projects that could be added to the inventory in the coming months based upon consultation with the relevant Council agencies.

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APPENDIX

Department of Agriculture – Forest Service
Kake to Petersburg Transmission Project
North-South Project

Department of Energy – Loan Program Office
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Department of Energy - Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Plains and Eastern Clean Line

Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs
Aiya Solar Project (Moapa)
Fort Mojave Solar Project (Fort Mojave Tribe)

Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management
Boardman to Hemingway
Chokecherry - Sierra Madre
Denbury Riley Ridge CO2
Desert Quartzite Solar
Energy Gateway South
Gateway West Segments 8 & 9
Ten West Link
TransWest Express

Department of the Interior – Bureau of Offshore Energy Management
OCS Beaufort Sea - Liberty

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Atlantic Coast Pipeline Amendment, Supply Header, and ACP-Piedmont Lease
Atlantic Sunrise
Gordon Butte Pumped Storage
Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project
Mountain Valley and Equitrans Expansion Project
Nexus Gas Transmission, TEAL, DTE Lease, and Vector Lease
PennEast Pipeline
R.C. Byrd
Red River L&D No. 4
Swan Lake North Pumped Storage
Tennessee Gas Abandonment and Capacity Restoration
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass Terminal and TransCameron Pipeline Project
WB Xpress

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Levy Nuclear Plant Units, 1 and 2
North Anna Power Station, Unit 3
Turkey Point, Units 6 and 7
William States Lee III Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2
Housing and Urban Development (Project coordination details reflected on the Sandy Regional Infrastructure Resiliency Coordination (SRIRC) website)

East Side Coastal Resiliency (http://www1.nyc.gov/site/escr/index.page)
Hudson River Project: Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge (http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodresilience/rbd-hudsonriver.htm)