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Statement on White House Rescinding CEQ NEPA Guidance

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) and the Center for LNG today released the following statement regarding the news that as part of an Executive Order issued today, the White House has rescinded the Council on Environmental Quality's guidance that aimed to broaden the consideration of the environmental consequences of a downstream project to include speculative upstream greenhouse gas emissions.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA said:

"We applaud the Administration for reversing the CEQ's guidance, which attempted to broaden the way federal agencies interpreted NEPA in a way that did not serve the act's goals or purpose. The existing NEPA project review process is already stringent, extensive and thorough. By attempting to include unquantifiable and speculative upstream impacts in an expanded guidance, CEQ risked hindering development of the very infrastructure that has enabled natural gas to reduce emissions."

Charlie Riedl, Executive Director of the Center for LNG, said:

"We are pleased to hear that CEQ's guidance on NEPA requirements has been rescinded. It would have been impossible to derive meaningful information about proposed projects using the CEQ's expanded approach."

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