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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

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ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary

This annual NEPA planning summary is submitted by Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) as required by DOE Order 451.1B, National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Program, Section 5.a (7).

As required by DOE Order 451.1B, Section 4.d, the following information is submitted:

1. Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities: Southwestern remains in compliance with its NEPA responsibilities.
2. Any Environmental Assessment Expected to be Prepared in the Next 12 Months: Southwestern has one environmental assessment which is expected to be prepared as described in the following table.

Title/Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated NEPA Milestones	Description
Environmental Assessment –Proposal to Amend a Special Use Permit to Allow Herbicide Use for Transmission Line 3001 and White Oak Radio Station in the Ozark National Forest	\$49,621	Determination Date: 05/28/2008 Transmittal to State: 02/01/2010 EA Approval: 04/01/2010 FONSI: 05/01/2010	Southwestern proposes to amend Special Use Permits to allow limited use of herbicides to aid in the maintenance of utility corridors and a radio station across portions of the Ozark National Forest.

3. Any Environmental Impact Statements Expected to be Prepared in the next 24 Months: At this time, Southwestern does not expect to prepare an environmental impact statement during the next 24 months.
4. The Planned Cost and Schedule for Completion of each NEPA Review Identified: Because no preparation of an environmental impact statement is expected, Southwestern perceives only the cost identified with the environmental assessment.

5. An Evaluation of Whether a Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement would Facilitate Future NEPA Compliance Efforts: Southwestern has evaluated whether a site-wide environmental impact statement would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts. Because Southwestern does not manage the type of site intended by the Department of Energy as the subject of a site-wide environmental impact statement, we do not believe it would facilitate future compliance efforts.