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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2017
TO: Council Programmatic Review Steering Committee
FROM: Tom Nies, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **March 6, 2017 Conference Call**

1. The Council Programmatic Review Steering Committee (SC) will hold a conference call on March 6 from 2-4 pm. A tentative date for a second call, if needed, is March 22. Call-in details for March 6:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312124557> (we may not need a webinar)

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2. At its April Council meeting, the Council will consider and approve the plan for the review prepared by the SC. Please review the materials on this topic provided to the Council in January (see <http://www.nefmc.org/library/council-programmatic-review-january-2017>).

3. My suggestion is that the SC should discuss the following questions, in order, during its conference calls.

- a) What should be the scope of the review?
- b) What should be the TORs (including how topics are evaluated)?
- c) What form should the review take?
- d) Who should perform the review?

4. During the Council discussion, individual Council members suggested issues that should be addressed. There was no Council consensus or vote on these suggestions.

- a) Topics that should be addressed:
 - 1) Are we using the correct Committees?
 - 2) Is the time allocated to each FMP appropriate?
 - 3) Could the Committee/PDT/AP working relationship be improved?

- 4) Does the Council need a strategic plan?
- 5) Should the issue of combining FMPs be addressed by the review?
- 6) Should PDTs include industry participation?
- 7) How should research be incorporated into management?
- b) Topics that should not be addressed:
 - 1) Administrative practices
 - 2) Legal authorities

5. Please contact me with your questions