

## A LESSON FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

# Look Before You Leap



**I**t's a good lesson we all learned as kids: Look before you leap. It's just common sense to think ahead about the consequences of the actions we take.

And right now that's what the government's required to do. Before it builds a highway near your home or trucks nuclear waste through your neighborhood, the government must tell you, ask your opinion and consider alternatives. That's how democracy – government of, by and for the people – is supposed to work.

But now there's a move afoot – spear-headed by California Congressman Richard Pombo to weaken the National Environmental Policy Act, to silence our say in what the government does to our property, parks, water, wetlands and wildlife. We can't let that happen. We can't let public officials thousands of miles away decide – without our say so – what happens here.

***To learn more, go to [www.sierra-club.org/lookbeforeyouleap](http://www.sierra-club.org/lookbeforeyouleap).***

**Or attend Representative Pombo's field hearing on the National Environmental Policy Act tomorrow in Norfolk:**

1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 17, 2005  
Ted Constant Convocation Center  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, VA

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