



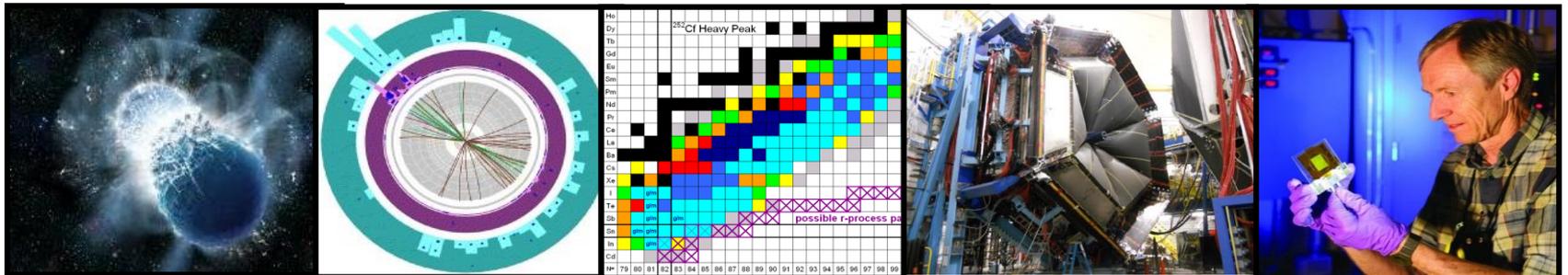
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

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SUBJECT: Federal Advisory Committees and Regulatory Reform

The Department of Energy (DOE) is committed to reducing regulatory burdens on American families and businesses. Earlier this year, DOE formed a Regulatory Reform Task Force to evaluate and reform existing regulations that could eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation that are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, or imposes costs that exceed benefits. The Task Force's activities are carried out pursuant to the President's direction in Executive Order (EO) 13771, "*Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*", EO 13777, "*Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*", and EO 13783, "*Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth.*"



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To inform the work of the Task Force, DOE published in the Federal Register a request for information seeking input from the public and those significantly affected by DOE regulations. DOE sought the public's views on specific agency actions that should be altered or eliminated because knowledge about the full effects of rules is widely dispersed in society, and members of the public are likely to have useful information and perspectives on the benefits and burdens of existing requirements and how regulatory obligations may be reformed to achieve regulatory objectives while minimizing regulatory burdens.

DOE understands that its many advisory committees, formed pursuant to the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA) can also provide valuable input to guide DOE's regulatory reform efforts. DOE's FACA committees are charged with providing advice and recommendations on a wide variety of issues that span the full breadth of work undertaken in support of DOE's mission: to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions.

DOE's FACA committees provide advice on matters related to advanced scientific computing; appliance standards and rulemaking; DOE's Basic Energy Sciences program and biological and environmental research program; biomass research and development (R&D); defense programs; basic nuclear science research; implementing major energy legislation and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure; environmental management, specifically accelerated site clean-up, risk reduction, and site-specific



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issues; DOE's fusion energy sciences program; experimental and theoretical high energy physics; hydrogen research, development and demonstration activities; potential applications of methane hydrates and recommendations for methane hydrates R&D; policy matters relating to coal, matters relating to oil and natural gas, and the oil and gas industries; DOE's nuclear energy program; DOE's basic and applied R&D activities, economic and national security policy, and educational and operational issues; and the initiation, design, implementation, and evaluation of federal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

Given the significant amount of expertise possessed by DOE's FACA committees and their members, and the President's direction to reduce regulatory burdens, I hereby direct each FACA committee, in carrying out the charges for which they were created, to consider regulatory reform and to provide appropriate advice and recommendations on DOE regulations, guidance or policies. I am particularly interested in suggestions concerning how DOE regulations, guidance or policies can be improved, streamlined or eliminated.

To ensure that DOE's regulatory reform efforts continue to move forward expeditiously, committees should begin consideration of such reform recommendations immediately, and I hereby direct that each committee place regulatory reform on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee. Designated Federal Officers should respond to Daniel Simmons, DOE's delegated head of the Regulatory Reform Task Force, with topics discussed and any recommendations for reform provided by their respective committees.

