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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries
Heads of Bureaus and Offices

From: Associate Deputy Secretary *James E. Casper*

Subject: Draft Report on Energy Independence under E.O. 13783

Executive Order (E.O.) 13783, Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth, requires the head of each agency to review all agency actions that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources, with particular attention to oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy resources. See E.O. 13783, section 2(a). As part of this review, each agency must submit a draft report to the Vice President and others at the end of July that includes recommendations for addressing actions through rescission, revision, suspension, publication for notice and comment, or otherwise.

Thank you for your efforts to date in identifying actions and providing recommendations under E.O. 13783 and Secretary's Order 3349, American Energy Independence. To ensure that we accurately capture your extensive efforts in the upcoming Interior-wide draft report, please insert the information you have already provided into the format provided in the attached template, filling in any gaps and providing any updates. If you have already identified actions but have not yet made specific recommendations for reconsideration, modification, or rescission, as appropriate, please take this opportunity to make those recommendations. Please also review the template closely, as it requires the inclusion of actions that may extend beyond those you identified in your prior submission. Your use of this format will greatly assist us in ensuring consistency and merging all Bureaus' information into a Department-wide report.

Please provide your formatted input to the Office of the Executive Secretariat, room 7314, by noon on July 14, 2017. Your submission constitutes your approval for the draft report. Thank you again for your attention to this important effort.

cc: Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy
Chiefs of Staff

Template for Input into July Draft E.O. 13783 Energy Report

Please use the format provided by this template for your input required under Executive Order 13783.

I. Executive Summary

Please provide an executive summary highlighting key activities your bureau/office is doing to alleviate or eliminate actions that potentially burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources. Include:

- *Estimated number of actions being addressed for burden reduction*
- *How many of those actions are related to:*
 - *Climate Change*
 - *Mitigation*
 - *Coal*
 - *Indian Energy*
 - *Energy-Related Information Collections*
 - *Grant Programs*
 - *Restrictions in Acquisition Policy or Regulation*
 - *Other*

II. Recommendations for Alleviating or Eliminating Burdensome Actions

A. Climate Change Actions

For each climate change action with the potential to burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources, provide:

- 1. Description.** *Describe the action, including whether the action is a policy, rule, or other document and how the action potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources*
- 2. Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** *Describe how the action is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the action. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.*
- 3. Anticipated Benefits.** *Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the action and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.*
- 4. Measuring Success.** *Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.*
- 5. Interim Methods.** *Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to regulations, and plans for instituting them.*

B. Mitigation Actions

For *each* Mitigation action with the potential to burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources, provide:

- 1. Description.** Describe the action, including whether the action is a policy, rule, or other document and how the action potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources
- 2. Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** Describe how the action is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the action. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.
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C. Coal-Related

For *each* coal-related action with the potential to burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources, provide:

- 1. Description.** Describe the action, including whether the action is a policy, rule, or other document and how the action potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources
- 2. Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** Describe how the action is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the action. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.
- 3. Anticipated Benefits.** Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the action and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.
- 4. Measuring Success.** Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.
- 5. Interim Methods.** Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to regulations, and plans for instituting them.

D. Indian Energy Actions

For *each* Indian energy action with the potential to burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources (including but not limited to Tribal Energy Resource Agreement regulations, lack of capital and cost recovery for development of Tribal energy, and Indian trader regulations), provide:

1. **Description.** Describe the action, including whether the action is a policy, rule, or other document and how the action potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources
2. **Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** Describe how the action is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the action. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.
3. **Anticipated Benefits.** Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the action and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.
4. **Measuring Success.** Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.
5. **Interim Methods.** Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to regulations, and plans for instituting them.

E. Energy-Related Information Collections under the Paperwork Reduction Act

Identify whether there are any energy-related collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (e.g., Approval of Operations, OMB Control No. 1004-0213; Application for Permit to Drill, OMB Control No. 1014-0025) that could reduce administrative burden on energy development and use through simplification of forms and associated instructions or guidance, or ceasing collections that are unnecessary or lack practical utility. For *each* such information collection, provide:

1. **Description.** Describe the information collection and how it potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources
2. **Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** Describe how the information collection is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the information collection. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.
3. **Anticipated Benefits.** Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the information collection and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.
4. **Measuring Success.** Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.

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5. **Interim Methods.** *Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to the information collection, and plans for instituting them.*

F. Grant Programs

*Identify whether there are any grant programs (including applications and scoring processes) that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy, particularly those that exclude the production or use of certain forms of energy. For **each** such grant program, provide:*

1. **Description.** *Describe the grant program and how it potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources*
2. **Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** *Describe how the grant program is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the grant program. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.*
3. **Anticipated Benefits.** *Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the grant program and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.*
4. **Measuring Success.** *Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.*
5. **Interim Methods.** *Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to the grant program, and plans for instituting them.*

G. Restrictions in Acquisition Policy and Regulations

*Identify whether there are any restrictions in acquisition policy and regulations (including but not limited to the policy for energy management) that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy. For **each** such restriction, provide:*

1. **Description.** *Describe the restriction and how it potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources*
2. **Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** *Describe how the restriction is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the restriction. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.*
3. **Anticipated Benefits.** *Describe benefits to be obtained by addressing the restriction and quantify benefits by filling in attached spreadsheet.*
4. **Measuring Success.** *Describe how the reduction in burden will be measured, including key timelines or benchmarks.*

5. **Interim Methods.** *Describe whether there are any interim compliance requirements, such as variances or waivers, that could be put into place pending longer-term revisions to the restriction, and plans for instituting them.*

H. Other Actions that Potentially Burden Development or Use of Energy

*Identify any other action identified that does not fit into one of the categories listed above, with the potential to burden development or use of domestically produced energy resources. For **each** such action, provide:*

1. **Description.** *Describe the action, including whether the action is a policy, rule, or other document and how the action potentially burdens development or use of domestically produced energy resources*
2. **Opportunities to Address Burden or Other Issues of Concern.** *Describe how the action is being addressed to reduce burden on energy (rescission, revision, suspension, publication for public comment, or otherwise). Include an estimated timeline for addressing the action. Also describe plans for obtaining public input.*
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