The Secretary of Energy
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

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SUBJECT: Implementation of Executive Order 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*

Addressing the crisis of climate change is the challenge of our time, and a fundamental priority for the Department of Energy. As the agency charged with advancing the Nation's energy security, we are committed to developing energy efficient technologies that support the transformation to a low-carbon economy. We must also lead by example in reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with our own operations and facilities.

On October 5, 2009, the President issued Executive Order (EO) 13514, "*Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance.*" This requires all Federal agencies to establish an integrated plan towards sustainability, including strategies for:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- using water more efficiently;
- promoting pollution prevention and eliminating waste;
- constructing high performance sustainable buildings;
- purchasing energy efficient and environmentally preferred products; and
- reducing the use of fossil fuels through improved fleet management.

To demonstrate our leadership, I have committed the Department to a 28 percent reduction in our greenhouse gas emissions by FY 2020. Achieving this aggressive goal demands that we fundamentally change our approach to using energy with a focus on developing a greater sense of personal responsibility for energy conservation among employees. Our success will also require the steadfast commitment of the senior leadership team and line managers to create a culture that considers energy conservation to be a core value.

I have designated the Deputy Secretary to lead this effort as the Department's Senior Sustainability Officer (SSO). He will be supported by the Director, Office of Management, Ingrid Kolb.

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To meet the goals of the Executive Order, the Deputy Secretary has established a governance structure, including an Executive Steering Committee to guide the Department's efforts. A cross-functional team has also been named to develop the Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan, which must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget by June 2, 2010. Please provide your organization's full support to enable them to complete this plan on time.

Implementation of EO 13514 provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the Department's leadership in promoting responsible energy stewardship. Working together we will successfully implement this vital Executive Order and enhance our ongoing efforts to strengthen environmental, energy, and economic performance across the complex.