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Subject: CAFE write-up



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Jeff,

Here it is.

Bob

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Memorandum For: Jeffrey Shane, Vickie Bailey, Jeffrey Holmstead, Randy Kroszner, V.A. Stephens, Robert McNally, Elizabeth Dougherty, Matthew Kirk

From: Dr. Jeffrey Runge and John D. Graham
Subject: Corporate Average Fuel Economy Working Group

This Memorandum serves as an invitation to participate in an Administration working group to consider interagency issues that may arise in the forthcoming rulemakings on Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards initiated by the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Given the cross-cutting impacts that future CAFE standards will have on our nation's energy, safety, economic and environmental policies, we would like to begin a prompt, rigorous and sustained interagency discussion of these matters.

Congress has recently lifted prohibitions that had prevented NHTSA from using appropriations to support certain CAFE related activity. In February, NHTSA published a Request for Comments concerning CAFE standards for light trucks (sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and minivans) for model years 2005 and beyond. NHTSA also solicited comments on possible reforms to the CAFE program. In particular, the Agency solicited comments on the CAFE reform recommendations made by the National Academy of Social Sciences (NAS) in their report released last summer. The next statutory mandated rule (covering light trucks for at least model year 2005) must be issued by April 1, 2003.

We believe an interagency dialogue will enhance the rulemaking process. We would like to meet on a regular basis – we anticipate every other week – to discuss particular issues of concern in the immediate rulemaking, as well as broader policy issues of interest to the group. Such issues may include fuel saving technologies, energy security, CAFE reform and market based incentives, environmental issues and analytic structures.

We plan to hold the first meeting on June 6, from 3-5 pm, in the White House Conference Center. We propose to begin with a presentation by NHTSA on the status of pending CAFE rulemakings, an overview of the comments filed in response to the Agency's request and next steps in the process of developing a rulemaking proposal for light truck CAFE standards. On June 20, we propose to discuss various approaches to CAFE "reform" and market based incentives. We anticipate that the working group will set its ongoing agenda as the discussion develops, and may invite outside specialists (e.g., members of the recent NAS CAFE Committee) to address particular issues. We anticipate the dialogue will be open and constructive, with each agency and office sharing information to further the Administration's objectives.

We look forward participating in this working group with you. Please feel free to contact Noble Bowie (NHTSA) at 202-366-2549 (nbowie@nhtsa.dot.gov) or Rich Theroux (Office of Management and Budget) at 202-395-3089 (rtheroux@omb.eop.gov) with questions or suggestions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation.

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How are we doing on the CAFE memo from John Graham? Is this done? I just want it completed before Jeff comes back.

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I talked to Rich Theroux this morning about getting the memo finalized announcing the meetings for the interagency CAFE group. He said that John Graham was supposed to talk to Josh Bolton (White House Chief of Staff's office) to determine whether CEQ would co-sponsor the group, along with NHTSA and OMB. Rich said he had not heard back from John, but would try to talk to him late this morning.