

National Telecommunications & Information Administration

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Commerce Department To Announce Final Rule for Digital-To-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program

Program to Aid Americans in the Transition to Digital Television Broadcasting

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will announce the final rule for the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program, designed to help American consumers receive free over-the-air television when full-power television stations cease analog broadcasting after February 17, 2009.

Digital television will provide consumers with a clearer picture, more programming, and open up much needed spectrum for advanced wireless services and interoperable communications among emergency first responders. The converter box coupon program will assist Americans in receiving over-the-air broadcast television programming throughout the transition from analog to digital.

WHAT: Announcement of Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program Final Rule

WHO: John Kneuer, Assistant Secretary for Communication and Information

**WHEN:** March 12, 2007, at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** U.S. Department of Commerce

Room 4830

14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

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