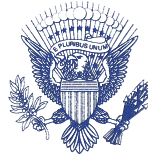


Reliable, Affordable, and Environmentally Sound Energy for America's Future

**Report of the
National Energy Policy Development Group**

*“America must have an energy policy that plans
for the future, but meets the needs of today.
I believe we can develop our natural resources
and protect our environment.”*

— President George W. Bush



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

May 16, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Energy Policy Development Group, I submit for your consideration our National Energy Policy report. As you directed us at the outset of your Administration, we have developed a national energy policy designed to help bring together business, government, local communities and citizens to promote dependable, affordable and environmentally sound energy for the future.

The report reflects the requirements and philosophy you set out for our work. It envisions a comprehensive long-term strategy that uses leading edge technology to produce an integrated energy, environmental and economic policy. To achieve a 21st century quality of life -- enhanced by reliable energy and a clean environment -- we must modernize conservation, modernize our infrastructure, increase our energy supplies, including renewables, accelerate the protection and improvement of our environment, and increase our energy security.

We submit these recommendations with optimism. The tasks ahead are great but achievable. To meet our energy challenge, we must put to good use the resources around us and the talents within us. It summons the best of America and offers a healthier environment, a stronger economy and a brighter future for the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dick Cheney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dick" and last name "Cheney" clearly legible.

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