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December 7, 2007

The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

One of the Oversight Committee's top priorities is to uncover and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in federal spending. Your office has a similar mandate and each year identifies potential reforms that could reduce government waste and make federal programs more efficient and effective. As part of the Committee's ongoing work in this area, I request that you provide the Committee with the following information:

1. A list of recommendations made by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General (OIG) from January 1, 2001, to the present that have not been implemented by agency officials or by Congress.
2. For each unimplemented recommendation on this list, a narrative that provides the following information:
 - a. A short summary of the unimplemented recommendation;
 - b. The status of the unimplemented recommendation, including whether or not the U.S. Department of Energy agreed with the recommendation and an explanation for the delay in its implementation;
 - c. An estimate of cost savings available from implementing the recommendation;
 - d. A description of any other non-monetary benefits from implementing the recommendation;
 - e. A short summary of the pertinent OIG investigation and its objectives;

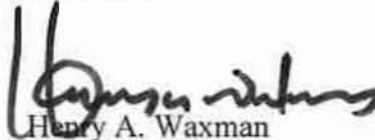
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- f. The key findings of the OIG investigation; and
- g. The OIG report number and issue date.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the Committee's request.

Please provide the Committee with this information by January 31, 2008. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Brian Cohen or Alison Cassady of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
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