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Media Advisory

**OIRA Administrator John D. Graham to Host News Round Table on Regulatory Review
Thursday, June 27th**

Washington, DC -- John D. Graham, Administrator of OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), will host a news round table on regulatory review in the Bush Administration. Graham will address various issues central to the President's vision for a new regulatory review agenda based on transparency, sound science, and consumer protection. Following the discussion, Graham will take questions from those in attendance.

The news round table will take place in Room 248 of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on Thursday, June 27, 2002, at 10:30 a.m.

If you need to be cleared into the Eisenhower Building, please call Michael Toth at 202-395-7254.

OIRA BACKGROUND:

- Established by Congress in the 1980 Paperwork Reduction Act, OIRA is responsible for providing centralized review of significant federal regulations.
- According to Executive Order 12866, which describes OIRA's role in the rulemaking process, OIRA reviews agency draft regulations before publication to ensure agency compliance with certain principles, such as consideration of alternatives and analysis of impacts, both benefits and costs.
- OIRA is comprised of a staff of 54 who report to Administrator Graham. The OIRA staff has expertise in various areas including policy analysis, economics, statistics, and information technology.
- Prior to becoming OIRA Administrator, Graham was a professor of policy and decision sciences at the Harvard School of Public Health. In addition, Graham founded the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, which he ran for over ten years.
- Since becoming OIRA Administrator, Graham has employed several devices to help the regulatory review process produce better results. One of these tools, the "prompt" letter, was introduced under Graham's tenure. Additional information on "prompt" letters, as well as other recent developments in the regulatory review process, can be viewed at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg/regpol.html>

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