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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF SCIENCE ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

FROM: 
W. F. BRINKMAN
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE

SUBJECT: Office of Science is Exempt from DOE Order 413.3B, *Program and Project Management for the Acquisition of Capital Assets*

DOE Order 413.3B, *Program and Project Management for the Acquisition of Capital Assets* was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on November 29, 2010. The Order establishes new project management requirements including Critical Decisions (CD) approval authorities. In addition, DOE Order 413.3B provides criteria that allow a Program Secretarial Office to be exempt from its requirements.

The Office of Science (SC) currently satisfies all the criteria, and on January 19, 2011, the Deputy Secretary of Energy approved the SC request for exemption (see attached approval memorandum). The newly delegated SC Acquisition Executive authority and SC project management requirements are outlined in the attached matrix. These requirements are effective immediately and will remain in force until rescinded.

This exemption is a direct result of our past and current project performance. It provides SC with significant benefits in overseeing our projects. Failure to retain this hard won exemption would not only tarnish SC's reputation—it would place burdens on future projects that would take precious time and resources away from delivering on our critical science missions. Therefore, I want to underscore my expectation that you will continue to work not just to maintain, but improve upon, the SC track record of project success.

If there are any questions, or further assistance is needed, please contact Daniel R. Lehman, Director, Office of Project Assessment (SC-28).

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