



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ACQUISITION AND MATERIEL
MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20420

IL 049-02-7
April 16, 2002

OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND MATERIEL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION LETTER

TO: Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Chief Facilities Management Officer, Office of Facilities Management; Veterans Integrated Service Network Directors; Directors, VA Medical Center Activities, Domiciliary, Outpatient Clinics, Medical and Regional Office Centers, and Regional Offices; Directors, Denver Distribution Center, Austin Automation Center, Records Management Center, VBA Benefits Delivery Centers, and the VA Health Administration Center; and the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, VA National Acquisition Center

ATTN: Head of the Contracting Activity
All VA Contracting Officers

SUBJECT: Executive Order 13221, Energy Efficient Standby Power Devices

1. This information letter (IL) supplements IL 90-01-1, Greening the Federal Government Executive Orders Implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, dated November 8, 2000 as it relates to ENERGY STAR and other Federal Energy Management Program-designated energy efficient products.

2. Our Nation wastes energy through "vampire devices". These devices include battery chargers, cell phone chargers, and computer systems that we think are not using energy when plugged in but, in fact, are. In order to rid us of vampire devices, the Federal Government implemented the one-watt standard throughout the Federal Government.

3. To further encourage energy conservation in Federal facilities and to provide guidance on the Federal Government's one-watt standard, the President signed Executive Order (EO) 13221, Energy Efficient Standby Power Devices, dated July 31, 2001. EO 13221 includes the following:

Section 1. Energy-Efficient Standby Power Devices. Each agency, when it purchases commercially available, off-the-shelf products that use external standby power devices, or that contain an internal standby power function, shall purchase products that use no more than one watt in their standby power consuming mode. If such products are not available, agencies shall purchase products with the lowest standby power wattage

2.
IL 049-02-7

while in their standby power consuming mode. Agencies shall adhere to these requirements, when life cycle cost-effective and practicable and where the relevant product's utility and performance are not compromised as a result. By December 31, 2001, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration, shall compile a preliminary list of products to be subject to these requirements. The Department of Energy shall finalize the list and may remove products deemed inappropriate for listing.

4. The preliminary list of products, guidelines, and instructions on submitting product data can be found on the Department of Energy's website at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/procurement>.

5. Direct any questions regarding this information letter to Patricia Ellis, Acquisition Policy Division (049A5A), at (202) 273-6058.

/s/ John E. Carr, for
David S. Derr
Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Acquisitions

Distribution: RPC 7029