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## Foreword

The Office of Technology Assessment is pleased to present this analysis of the Conservation and Solar Energy Programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The study, requested by the House Committee on Science and Technology, was conducted in much the same manner as earlier OTA evaluations of the Plan and Program of the Energy Research and Development Administration, and the National Energy Plan of 1977.

The study evaluates the progress and direction of a number of conservation and solar energy programs, in order to provide an overview of the balance and long-range contribution of these efforts, and to discover if the programs are coherently linked to goals set by Congress and the administration. The basis of the work was generated by two advisory panels, assembled to achieve a balance of knowledge and viewpoints. The panelists identified and discussed critical issues. OTA staff prepared this report based on the panel effort, and augmented by review of DOE Conservation and Solar Program Summary Documents, budget material, and discussions with DOE personnel. All responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, and objectivity of the work rests with OTA.

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