

identified this potential conflict as an issue that may need to be addressed to allow full use of DSM programs.

Conclusion

As noted above, while the authorities and direction presented by EPACT and EO 12902 appear promising, it is too early to tell how successful they will be. There are some substantial delays in performing critical activities required by law for assessing and promoting alternate finding methods and surveying potential savings. Completion of these activities and implementation of their results will be important to determining the extent to which current efficiency efforts can be profitably expanded. However, while some activities have been delayed, current energy management efforts are far more intensive than in 1991, which should lead to faster and faster implementation of efficiency measures and cost savings. In particular, budget requests and appropriations for efficiency upgrades are continuing to increase rapidly.