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Honorable Olin E. Teague
Chairman, Committee on
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Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Office of Technology Assessment, we are pleased to forward a report: Comparative Analysis of the 1976 ERDA Plan and Program.

The report represents the culmination of OTA's study of ERDA, begun in 1975, and was prepared with the assistance of representatives of the six panels of experts which contributed to the first OTA report, An Analysis of the ERDA Plan and Program. The present study is an analysis of the program and plan which is annually submitted by ERDA to the Congress, entitled: A National Plan for Energy Research, Development and Demonstration: Creating Energy Choices for the Future. This analysis compares the 1976 plan and program to the issues identified by OTA in the first report. This report is being made available to your committees in accordance with Public Law 92-484.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This report, entitled Comparative Analysis of the 1976 ERDA Plan and Program, can be considered as the second in a series. It builds upon an earlier report, An Analysis of the ERDA Plan and Program, which examined the first ERDA Plan and Program, and affords the opportunity to examine changes that have taken place since the first version was submitted. The report was prepared at the request of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Special thanks are due to ERDA Administrator, Dr. Robert Seamans, Jr., and Assistant Administrator, Mr. Roger LeGassie, for the cooperation provided by ERDA on this project. It should also be noted that Dr. Seamans has again shown a high degree of leadership, and we have confidence as a result that the significant progress ERDA has shown during its first year of operation will continue in the time ahead.

Early draft copies of this report were used to brief some of the Committees of the Congress during their consideration of authorization and appropriation legislation. This final version will be provided to the Congress and made available to the public. Although the final ERDA 1976 Plan (Volume I) was provided to OTA for the purposes of this analysis, only the draft version of the ERDA 1976 Program (Volume II) was available.

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EMILIO Q. DADDARIO
Director