Transition Team Question #6

Q: Please provide a list of those activities, studies and projects which have been appropriated that can be fore-stalled or stopped?

- **Deliverable: List of such studies and projects.**

A: Stopping Appropriated Projects

Coal

All of the extramural RD&D funded through NETL in support of FE's Coal Research Program is conducted under financial assistance agreement award. DOE does not have the unilateral right to stop a financial assistance project unless we are at the completion of a budget period, recipient is in default, or if DOE funds are fully exhausted. For planned projects selected but not yet awarded DOE does not have to make an award.

SPR

The SPR Expansion project has been delayed due to lack of Congressional funding. In FY 2008, Congress only appropriated $25 million for land acquisition associated with the new site and nothing for the two existing site expansions. We are facing a similar situation in FY 2009 – the Department's request was $171 million but House/Senate markups provide a maximum of $31.5 million. The need for SPR expansion remains. Since 1985, the U.S. energy security has diminished greatly while international risks have increased. U.S. dependence on foreign imports has increased from 24% to 66%.

Oil & Gas

The Office of Oil & Gas does not have any studies or projects which can be fore-stalled or stopped.