Updated Report on Executive Order 13,392 Implementation by the Department of Energy

The President issued Executive Order 13,392, entitled "Improving Agency Disclosure of Information," on December 14, 2005. The Executive Order established an approach to administration of the Freedom of Information Act that was "citizen-centered" and "results-oriented." The Executive Order also required each agency to conduct a review of its FOIA operations, to develop an agency-specific plan to improve its administration of the Act, and to report on its progress in meeting the milestones and goals established in its improvement plan.

This report contains the description of the progress on the deficiencies reported by the Department of Energy (DOE) in the FY 06 FOIA Annual Report. The DOE reported three deficiencies in the FOIA Annual Report that required corrective actions. Information about these deficiencies and the actions taken is provided below.

A. Receiving Electronic Requests

1. The milestone related to the area of Receiving Electronic Requests of the FOIA Improvement Plan.

2. The milestone was to provide standard information on the DOE FOIA web sites by January 2007.

3. The milestone was completed in March 2007, the date established in the FOIA Annual Report to complete the corrective action.

4. Not applicable.

B. Overall Web Improvement

1. The milestone related to the area of Overall Web Improvement of the FOIA Improvement Plan.

2. The milestone was to require all FOIA web pages to use a standard electronic form by December 2006.

3. The milestone was completed in February 2007, the date established in the FOIA Annual Report to complete the corrective action.

4. Not applicable.
C. Overall Web Improvement

1. The milestone related to the area of Overall Web Improvement of the FOIA Improvement Plan.

2. The milestone was to develop guidance by January 2007 to advise FOIA Officers on the type of information that should be made available on FOIA web pages maintained by the Department.

3. The milestone was completed by March 2007, the date established in the FOIA Annual Report to complete the corrective action.

4. Not applicable.