

EXECUTIVE ORDER ON  
ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION

Today the President signed an Executive order entitled "Delegation of Authorities Relating to Energy Policy and Conservation." This order assigns to appropriate agencies certain responsibilities vested in the President by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, signed by the President on December 22, 1975. Other responsibilities are vested directly in the agencies by the Act itself.

The President's authority has been delegated in a manner designed to draw upon the expertise of the various federal agencies, to make optimum use of existing agency capabilities without creating overlapping of functions, and to ensure that our energy decisions are made with due consideration to other national policy objectives.

Throughout the order, the agency directly responsible is required to consult with interested agencies. The implementation of the most significant programs is retained by the President; e.g., only the President can order domestic rationing under a contingency plan and allocation under the international energy program.

The <sup>principal</sup> delegations and assignments of responsibilities include:

1. The Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration is responsible for developing energy conservation and rationing contingency plans, which will be transmitted to the Congress, and which would be available for implementation in case of another energy crisis such as an embargo.
2. Responsibility for assigning allocations of petroleum products under the international energy program is placed upon the Administrator of FEA.
3. The Administrator of FEA is responsible for the overall development of a 10-year plan for energy conservation with

respect to Government buildings. Each agency will be responsible for the development of plans for buildings under its direct control. The overall plan is to be developed as soon as it is possible and submitted to the President.

4. The Secretary of Commerce is assigned the responsibility for implementing the statutory restrictions on the export of energy supplies and related materials and equipment.

5. The Administrator of General Services is to provide rules for the acquisition by Executive agencies of fuel efficient passenger automobiles.

6. The Administrator of General Services is given the overall responsibility for the use of the materials allocation program for domestic energy purposes. FEA will determine the need and Commerce will provide for necessary allocations, under the supervision of the Federal Preparedness Agency, GSA. That agency will ensure the program runs in a manner similar to the allocation of materials for defense purposes and will also take appropriate steps to preclude any conflicts in allocations.