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THE WHITE HOUSEFACT SHEETFEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

The President today signed an Executive Order establishing the Federal Energy Office in the Executive Office of the President and transferring to the FEO functions and resources of the Federal Energy Administration which expires on July 30, 1976.

BACKGROUND

- The Federal Energy Administration was established by P.L. 93-275 of May 7, 1974.
- The FEA was assigned additional responsibilities by the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act (ESECA) of 1974 and the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of December 1975. Since May 1974, additional responsibilities have been delegated to FEA pursuant to the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973, the Defense Production Act of 1950, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, and the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.
- In February 1976, the President asked the Congress to extend the FEA for 39 months beyond its June 30, 1976 expiration date.
- On June 1, 1976, the House passed a bill extending the FEA for 18 months (H.R. 12169) and on June 16, 1976, the Senate passed a bill (S. 2872) extending the FEA for 15 months. Both bills include provisions unrelated to the extension.
- On June 30, the President signed a bill extending the FEA expiration date from June 30 to July 30, 1976.
- House and Senate Conferees have worked on a compromise bill but final action cannot be completed on legislation before the July 30, 1976, expiration date of FEA.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

The principal purpose of the Executive Order is to maintain organizational continuity and stability so that essential FEA programs could be carried out. The principal provisions of the Executive Order are those which:

- Establish the FEA in the Executive Office of the President effective July 31, 1976.
- Transfer to the FEO Administrator the functions, resources, and personnel previously assigned to FEA.
- Delegate to the FEO Administrator certain authorities previously delegated to or vested in the FEA under the Acts listed above.