

Biomass Issues at OSTP

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OSTP Involvement in biomass activities:

TITLE III—BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

SEC. 305. BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Biomass Research and Development Board, which shall supersede the Interagency Council on Biobased Products and Bioenergy established by Executive Order No. 13134, to coordinate programs within and among departments and agencies of the Federal Government for the purpose of promoting the use of biobased industrial products by—

- (1) maximizing the benefits deriving from Federal grants and assistance; and
- (2) bringing coherence to Federal strategic planning.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Board shall consist of—

(1) the point of contact of the Department of Energy designated under section 304(d)(1)(B), who shall serve as cochairperson of the Board;

(2) the point of contact of the Department of Agriculture designated under section 304(d)(1)(A), who shall serve as cochairperson of the Board;

(3) a senior officer of each of the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, each of whom shall—

(A) be appointed by the head of the respective agency; and

(B) have a rank that is equivalent to the rank of the points of contact; and

(4) at the option of the Secretary of Agriculture and the

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1. Advise the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on the impacts of science and technology on domestic and international affairs;
2. Lead an interagency effort to develop and implement sound science and technology policies and budgets;
3. Work with the private sector to ensure Federal investments in science and technology contribute to economic prosperity, environmental quality, and national security;
4. Build strong partnerships among Federal, State, and local governments, other countries, and the scientific community;
5. Evaluate the scale, quality, and effectiveness of the Federal effort in science and technology.

Biomass Policy Issues of Interest to OSTP

- Energy supply/energy security/energy independence
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- MTBE
- Farm-rural economy/national economy
- Transition to hydrogen energy economy
- Federal R&D portfolio/budget

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