Headquarters POLICY FLASH

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SUBJECT:
A. Administrative Deviation — DEAR 970.5204-39 — Use of Environmentally Preferable Products and Services
B. UPDATES to DEAR Online
C. UPDATES to Acquisition Letters Online
D. UPDATES to DOE Acquisition Guide Online

SUMMARY:

A. Administrative Deviation — DEAR 970.5204-39

Executive Order 13101 of June 3, 1999, titled "Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition," revoked Executive Order 12873 of October 20, 1993, titled "Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention." Pursuant to the authority granted in

Acquisition Letter 99-05, an administrative deviation is hereby granted to allow you to correct the reference to the revoked Executive Order at paragraph (a)(1) of the clause at DEAR 970.5204-39 titled "Acquisition and Use of Environmentally Preferable Products and Services." Cite this communication as authority for the deviation. The DEAR will be officially amended in the near future. The Executive Order may be reviewed at: http://gerweb.bdm.com/cfdocs/aprs/

Recent updates to the Office of Procurement and Assistance Management Home Page (http://www.pr.doe.gov) include:

B. ***DEAR***

The on-line DEAR is now current with all changes from finalized rulemakings. We added a rulemaking summary to the Table of Contents to highlight the parts of DEAR that were changed by each rule. We also added a link to allow users to go directly to the Federal Register to read the published rulemaking, which includes background information and the rationale for the DEAR changes.

C. ***Acquisition Letters***

We updated the listing to remove all expired Acquisition Letters [AL]. Additionally, we added past years' annual listings which provide historical information on dates of previously canceled or discontinued ALs.

D. ***DOE Acquisition Guide***

The on-line Acquisition Guide is current and includes a more detailed Table of Contents which identifies specific sections within Guide Chapters. The Guide may be downloaded and printed in the original Word Perfect files. *(Note: During FY 2000, the Acquisition Guide will be completely re-published in hard copy and distributed throughout the Department.)*

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