




**The Deputy Secretary of Energy**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

FROM: DAN BROUILLETTE 

SUBJECT: Designation of Program Management Improvement Officer for the Department of Energy

On December 14, 2016, the Program Management Improvement Accountability Act was signed into law. This important initiative aims to improve program management within the Federal Government, requires Government-wide standards and policies for program management, and establishes a new interagency council to improve program management practices among Federal agencies.

The Act requires the designation of agency Program Management Improvement Officers (PMIO) to implement program management policies established by the Department and develop strategies to enhance the role of program management and managers. Additionally, the Act requires that PMIOs coordinate annual portfolio reviews of programs to identify and disseminate best practices and lessons learned, and ensure major programs are being managed effectively.

In 2018, Bill Eckroade was appointed PMIO for the Department. With his recent reassignment to another position, I have designated James M. Owendoff, the Department's Chief Risk Officer, to also serve as the PMIO. Please provide Jim with your full cooperation as we move forward with this important initiative. Jim can be reached at (202) 586-8670 or at [james.owendoff@hq.doe.gov](mailto:james.owendoff@hq.doe.gov).

Our full commitment in supporting this OMB initiative is essential to delivering our mission efficiently to the American public. Initial implementing guidance for all agencies is provided in OMB Memorandum M-18-19.

