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One of the most important tasks I perform as Vice President is leading the effort to reform the regulatory process of the U.S. Government.¹ This edition of the Regulatory Plan shows the results of the Administration's commitment to this effort.

Agency innovation has been the key to the success of the Administration's regulatory policy. Agencies have made great strides in streamlining and simplifying regulations, eliminating unnecessary regulations, rewriting regulations in plain language, and focusing on sustainable, long-term economic growth, which is one of this Administration's priorities. Agencies now conceive and review regulations that maximize net benefits and impose the smallest possible economic and paperwork burden on the public. Wherever possible, they encourage the use of market incentives and performance standards rather than command-and-control regulations. This approach allows the affected entity the flexibility to seek the most cost-effective solution. Agencies are also mindful that economic growth must not adversely affect our environment or our national security. Improved accountability and enhanced partnerships allow agencies to balance these occasionally conflicting factors.

Another major goal of this Administration is to involve the regulated community and all concerned Americans in the regulatory process. Toward that end, we encourage public meetings, conferences, and workshops to promote public involvement. Agencies also use Internet-accessible rulemaking dockets, which facilitate public review and comment on regulations. This is an excellent example of how technology can allow more people to participate in government.

This seventh Regulatory Plan, the final one of this Administration, reflects our work to improve the standard of living for all Americans through economic growth, technological competitiveness, and sustainable development. The challenge to the new Administration, in addition to maintaining and furthering these advances, will be to make continued use of technological improvements and to further enhance civil participation in government decisionmaking.²



¹Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," issued by the President on September 30, 1993, guides agencies toward that goal.

²This edition of The Regulatory Plan and the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, as well as editions since 1995, is available for searching and browsing at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.