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Ms. Sylvia Mathews Burwell  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
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Dear Director Burwell:

The Committee on Energy and Commerce is conducting oversight relating to the administration's climate change related activities, including the President's Climate Action Plan released on June 25, 2013. We write to seek information regarding climate change activities being carried out across the federal government.

We write specifically to follow up on the Office of Management and Budget's August 2013 report entitled "[Federal Climate Change Expenditures Report to Congress](#)" which identifies more than 18 federal agencies engaged in climate change activities, describes a broad array of climate change science, technology, international assistance, energy tax provisions, and adaptation activities, and projects 2013 expenditures will exceed \$22 billion. We also write to request updated information regarding the attached chart which reflects coordination by federal agencies of climate change related activities and was included in a May 2011 Government Accountability Office report entitled "[Improvements Needed to Clarify National Priorities and Better Align Them with Federal Funding Decisions](#)."

To assist the committee in obtaining a fuller understanding of the federal government's current climate change related activities, and pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, we ask that you provide written responses to the following requests by November 22, 2013:

- (1) The attached chart lists over 40 federal agencies or sub-agencies participating in climate change activities. Is this list still accurate? If not, please provide updated information.

- (2) The attached chart identifies offices within the Executive Office of the President, interagency task forces and working groups, committees, programs and international activities relating to climate change. Is the information still accurate? If not, please provide updated information.
- (3) What is the approximate amount of annual federal agency funds government-wide attributed to climate change activities for each of the years 2005 through 2012?
- (4) What is the approximate number of federal agency employees government-wide currently engaged part-time or full-time in climate change related activities?
- (5) What is the approximate number of federal contractors government-wide currently engaged part-time or full-time in climate change related activities?

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Neumayr or Peter Spencer of the committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



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Chairman



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Chairman  
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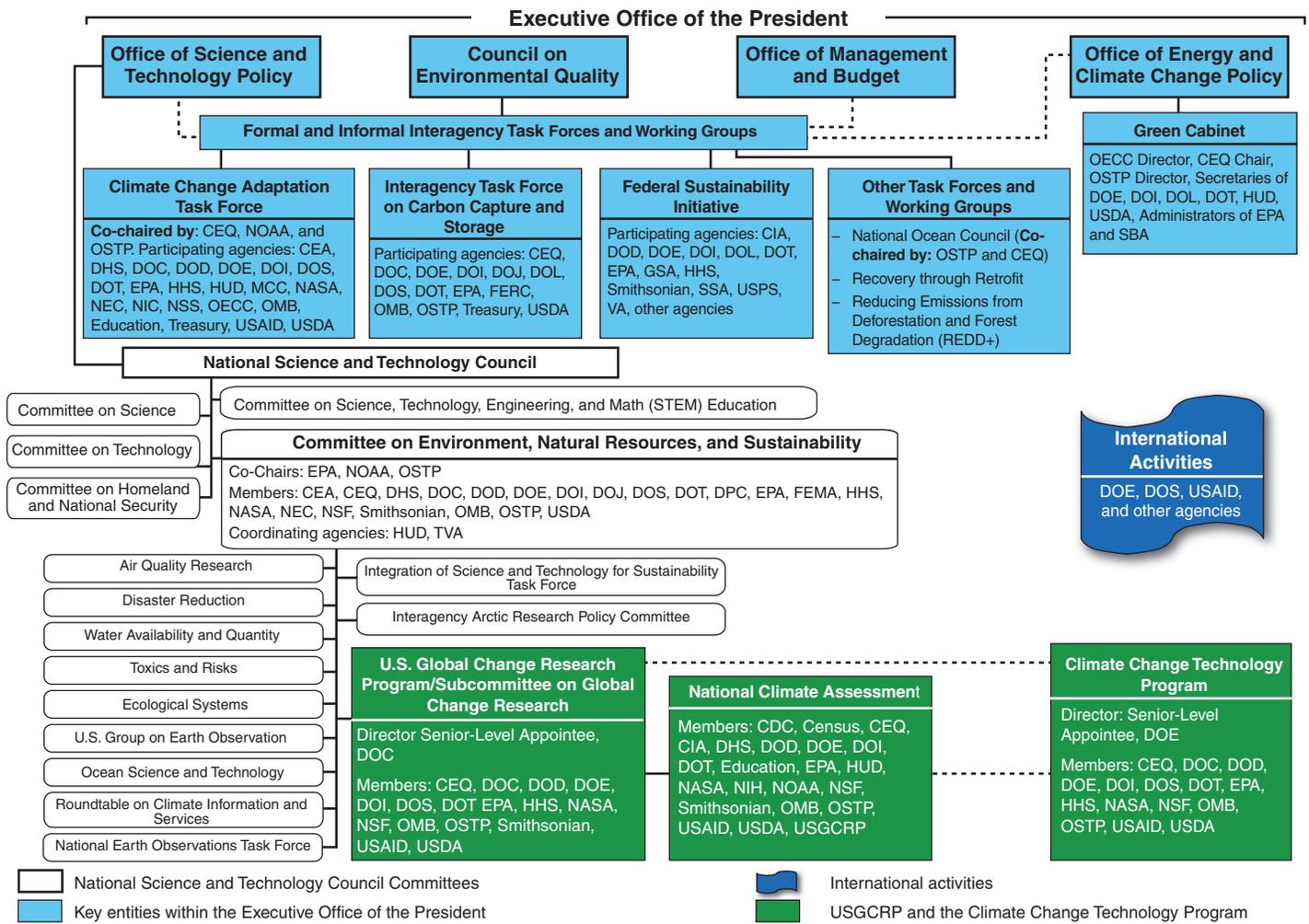


Steve Scalise  
Vice Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Henry A. Waxman, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Power

**Figure 4: Selected Coordination Mechanisms for Federal Climate Change Activities**



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| CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | DOL – Department of Labor                         | IARP – Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee    | SBA – Small Business Administration                        |
| CEA – Council of Economic Advisors               | DOS – Department of State                         | MCC – Millennium Challenge Corporation                 | SSA – Social Security Administration                       |
| Census – Census Bureau                           | DOT – Department of Transportation                | NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration   | Smithsonian – Smithsonian Institution                      |
| CEQ – Council on Environmental Quality           | DPC – Domestic Policy Council                     | NEC – National Economic Council                        | Treasury – Department of the Treasury                      |
| CIA – Central Intelligence Agency                | Education – Department of Education               | NIC – National Intelligence Council                    | TVA – Tennessee Valley Authority                           |
| DHS – Department of Homeland Security            | EPA – Environmental Protection Agency             | NOAA – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | USAID – United States Agency for International Development |
| DOC – Department of Commerce                     | FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency        | NSF – National Science Foundation                      | USDA – United States Department of Agriculture             |
| DOE – Department of Energy                       | FERC – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission       | NSS – National Security Staff                          | USGCRP – United States Global Change Research Program      |
| DOI – Department of the Interior                 | GSA – General Services Administration             | OECC – Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy      | USPS – United States Postal Service                        |
| DOJ – Department of Justice                      | HHS – Department of Health and Human Services     | OMB – Office of Management and Budget                  | VA – Veterans Administration                               |
|  | HUD – Department of Housing and Urban Development | OSTP – Office of Science and Technology Policy         |  |

Source: GAO analysis of Climate Change Science Program Strategic Plan, Climate Change Technology Program Strategic Plan, NSTC organizational chart and CEQ initiatives.