The Deputy Secretary of Energy
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Project Assessment and Reporting System (PARS II)

The Office of Engineering and Construction Management (OECM), in support of the Department's Contract and Project Management Corrective Action Plan, is deploying an upgraded version of the Project Assessment and Reporting System. The goal of this new system, known as PARS II, is to provide accurate, timely, complete, and verifiable project performance data. The system will allow greater transparency on the performance of specific projects and will facilitate the efforts of programs and oversight staff to analyze, track, and validate the data.

A significant enhancement of PARS II is that the data will be provided electronically, directly from our contractors' project management systems. This is intended to eliminate errors and delays inherent in the existing system and improve data reliability improvements advocated by the Government Accountability Office and the Congress. The Department will also integrate PARS II into the Department's financial management systems in iManage to enable more holistic decisions on program and project direction.

The system has been piloted at four field sites, has undergone full user acceptance testing with the Programs, and is now ready for deployment across the complex. PARS II should be deployed throughout the Department by the end of this year. Your full support is needed by providing staff to lead the effort for your organization. This includes the timely modification of all affected contracts to require electronic monthly feeds from the contractor's data system directly into PARS II. The Office of Management will fund the cost of linking PARS II to contractor systems; however, Site Managers and Federal Project Directors must provide all necessary resources to meet this commitment.

OECM is leading implementation of PARS II and will continue to work with your organizations to facilitate a successful deployment. OECM will also assist programs to resolve key issues such as developing processes for Federal project directors to review data prior to entering it into PARS II. Please contact Paul Bosco, Director, OECM, with any questions or for additional information.

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