U.S. Department of Energy: Secretary Chris Wright Outlines Department Priorities

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United States Department of Energy ("DOE") Secretary, Chris Wright, announced on February 5th the DOE's priorities under the Trump Administration.

Secretary Wright entitled the initiative:

Unleashing the Golden Era of American Energy Dominance.

The transmittal was in the form of Secretary Wright's first Secretarial Order, noting by way of introduction:

- A highly energized society can bring health, wealth, and opportunity for all.
- DOE has the opportunity to promote:
- Energy abundance.
- Demonstrate leadership in scientific and technological innovation.
- Steward and strengthen our weapons stockpiles.
- Meet Cold War legacy waste clean-up commitments.
- United States must expand energy production and reduce energy costs for American families and businesses.
- Innovation and technological breakthroughs, including:
- Accelerating the work of DOE's National Laboratories.
- Energy infrastructure should be built and permitted along with the removal of barriers to progress.

DOE is instructed to take the following initial actions:

1. Advance Energy Addition, Not Subtraction.
2. Unleash American Energy Innovation.
3. Return to Regular Order on LNG Exports.
4. Promote Affordability and Consumer Choice in Home Appliances.
5. Refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).
6. Modernize America's nuclear stockpile.
7. Unleash Commercial Nuclear Power in the United States.
8. Strengthen Grid Reliability and Security.
9. Streamline Permitting and Identify Undue Burdens on American Energy.

A copy of the Order can be downloaded here.