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## CABINET COUNCIL ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

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Cabinet Room

### AGENDA

#### 1. National Energy Policy Perspective

##### ACID RAIN:

Ruck: re acid rain - don't know enough about prob yet to launch US on massive SO<sub>2</sub> reduct'n prog.

= agree there's a problem

- ① how widespread is prob?
- ② how fast is it occurring?
- ③ can we identify sources of problem?
- ④ is damage cumulative, or has it stabilized?

- have incr'd research budg this yr, doubled for next yr. > once info in, can design a program that is both effective and cost effective.

##### ENERGY PLAN:

Hodel: ① minimal fed. control  
② balanced/mixed energy options  
oil, gas, coal, nuclear/renewables (hydro, solar, geothermal, etc)/conservation (effic, savings)

coal: 90% of coal prod'd is used domestically; 10% exported

Clark: Linow's Report rec'd = have revamped system to make sure we get FMV on leases  
= expect moratorium will be ended soon

= overall decline in US coal exports: agreement w/ Nakasone is key step

##### NUCLEAR:

Hodel: do not believe nuke ind. is dead or even dying

- one reason for decline is that growth in elect. demand is only 3%/yr = cancellation of coal plants is ahead of nuclear
- no quick fixes avail. = problems incl. public perception → we prep'g to intro. a reg reform act to cut time for bldg new plants from nearly 14 yrs to 7 yrs. (also sugg to put finite time on dec's to OIL plants)

NR: (legis) is that unlikely to get bill this yr; looks OK in S, but less good in H

- new NRC appoint will also be key

RENEWABLES = now 8% of energy needs; could be 10% by 2000

CONSERV: trend lines very good here

GAS, OIL = NEPA; effort cont'g - don't hear disc of windfall profit tax on gas dereg anymore  
not replacing oil as rapidly as it's depleted / SPR = 390 m bbl (100 m when RR in way)

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