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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced the establishment of a new Office of Transportation Energy Policy to coordinate the energy conservation efforts of the Department.

"As the transportation sector of our economy annually accounts for more than 25 percent of the energy consumed in this country and for more than half the domestic use of petroleum," Secretary Brinegar said, "clearly, transportation policies can and must heavily contribute to the solution of the Nation's energy problem."

Under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Plans and International Affairs, the new office will expand and strengthen the Department's energy conservation programs. It will support the objectives of the President's Energy Policy by (1) making systematic and substantive evaluations of the energy consequences of transportation decisions; (2) striving to reduce transportation energy consumption without sacrificing mobility; (3) analyzing the socio-economic, environmental and safety impacts of alternative energy conservation policies and technologies; (4) fully supporting the energy conservation efforts of other Departments and Agencies.

A major part of the responsibility of the new Office will be to provide Departmental liaison with Federal, State and industry organizations engaged in activities affecting transportation energy policies.

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