



**U.S. Department of Energy's  
Office of Science**

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**Basic Research Integration with  
Applied Programs  
EPACT Section 994**

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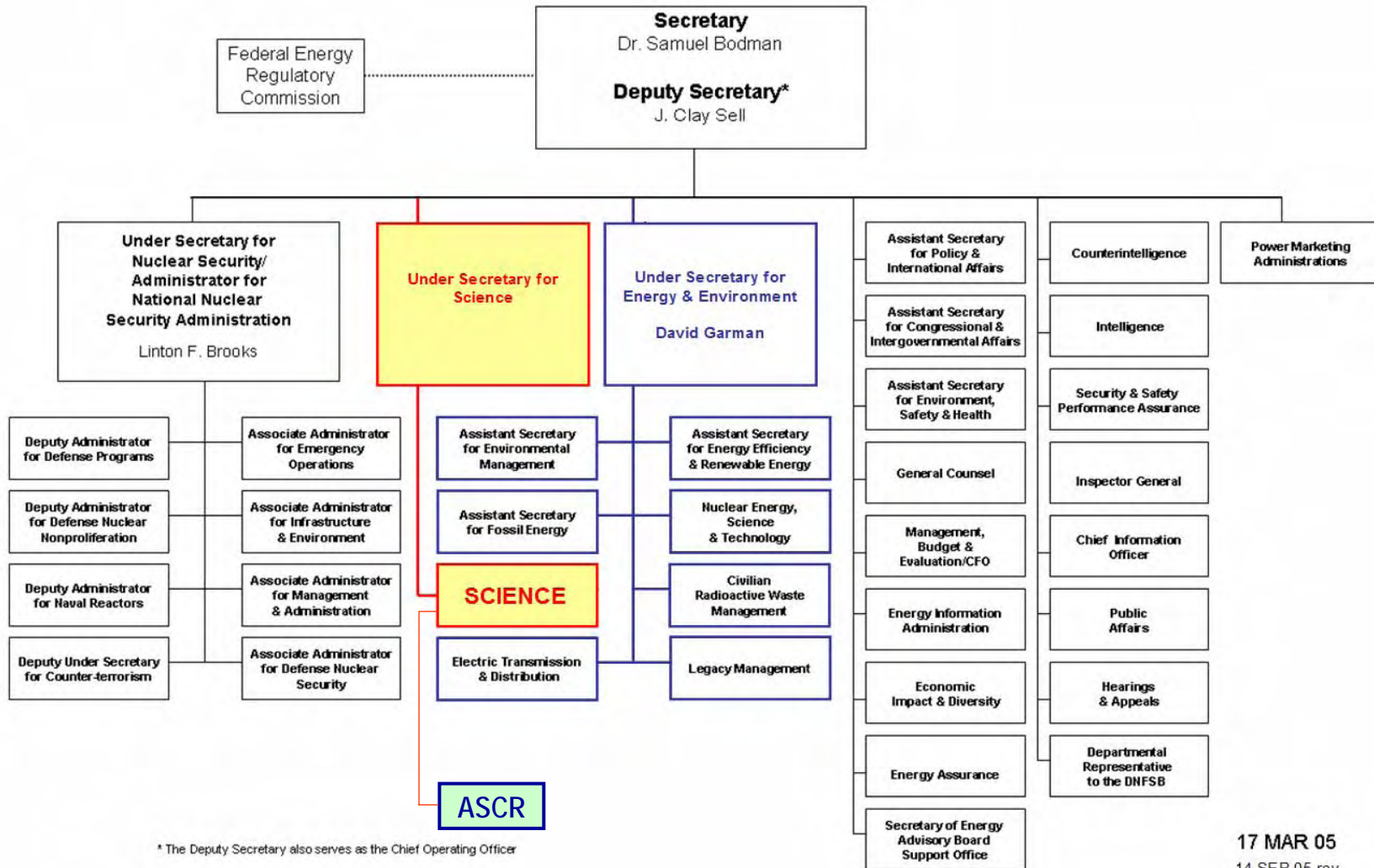
# Energy Policy Act Requirements (EPACT)

- **The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Section 994, requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to:**
  - **periodically review all of the science and technology activities of the Department in a strategic framework that takes into account both the frontiers of science to which the Department can contribute and the national needs relevant to the Department's statutory missions; and**
  - **develop a plan to improve coordination and collaboration in research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities across Department organizational boundaries**
- **Plan is due to Congress August 8, 2006**



# Organization of DOE

## Office of Science



\* The Deputy Secretary also serves as the Chief Operating Officer



# EPACT Report Sections

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- **Integration Activities and Processes**
  - identifies how the applied technology and science programs are currently coordinating activities
- **Significant Crosscutting Scientific and Technical Issues**
  - summarizes the scientific and technical issues and research questions that span more than one program or major office of the Department based on the results of the S&T Program Reviews
- **Strategies for Implementation**



# Crosscutting Technical Issues

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- **Highly Crosscutting**

- **Radiation-Resistant Materials\***
- **Energy Storage**
- **Advanced Mathematics for Optimization of Complex Systems, Control Theory, and Risk Assessment\*\***
- **Building Synergies With Work-for-Others, Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD), and DOE University-Sponsored Research**

Items with \* have significant ASCR involvement, Items with \*\* are ASCR-Led



# Crosscutting Technical Issues

## ▪ Energy Related

- Superconductivity
- Power Electronics/Switching
- Grid Control\*
- Wind Power\*
- Catalysis for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Nuclear Fuel Materials and Design
- Catalysis for Hydrogen Production from Nuclear Energy
- Risk Assessments for Geologic Carbon Sequestration\*
- Gasification and Combustion Modeling and Computational System Dynamics\*
- Advanced Sensors and Controls for Gasification and Combustion Systems\*
- High Performance Materials for Advanced Fossil Energy Processes

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# Crosscutting Technical Issues

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- **National Nuclear Security**
  - **Innovative Materials for Safeguards and Security**
  - **Nuclear Test Detection\***
  - **Remote Sensing and Analysis of Radioactive Materials and Nuclear Weapons**

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# Crosscutting Technical Issues

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- **Environmental Management**
  - **Chemistry and Separations for Radioactive Waste**
  - **Modeling, Simulation, and Scaling Issues for Environmental Management\***
  - **Predicting High Level Waste System Performance over Extreme Time Horizons\***

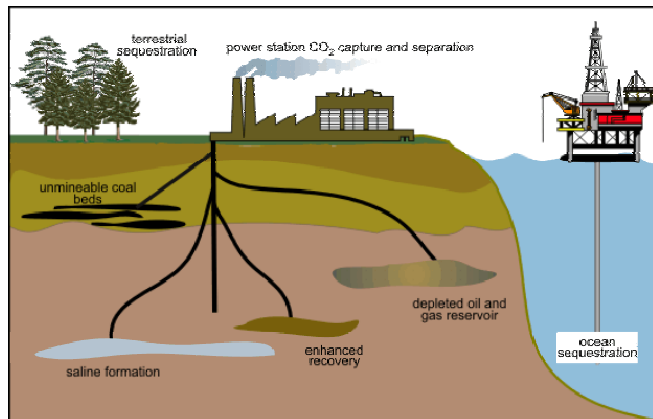
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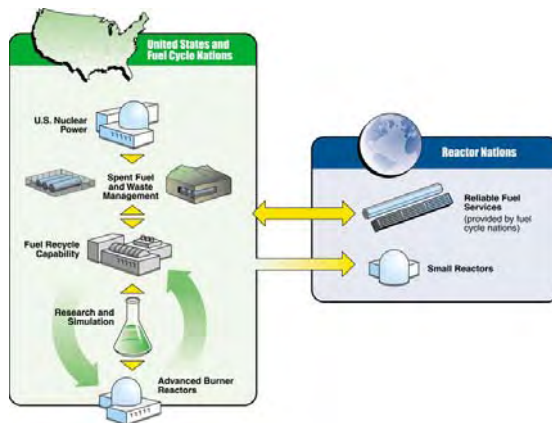
### Carbon Sequestration



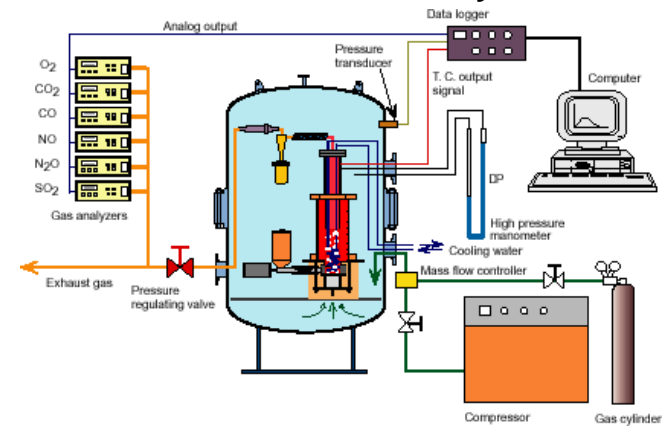
### Electric Power Grid



### Nuclear Power Systems (GNEP)



### Advanced Combustion Systems





# Advanced Mathematics for Optimization of Complex Systems, Control Theory, and Risk Assessment

- **Characteristics**

- Many control points or interacting subsystems
- Stochastic loads or inputs
- Complex interconnections

- **Example Questions**

- How many sensors are needed? Where?
- Is control system stable?
- Can we evaluate risk systematically?
- How do we optimize system?

- **Currently organizing workshop to further define opportunity and critical issues**