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APPENDIX A. - ORGANIZATION OF SYNTHETIC FUELS TASK FORCE

The President, in his January 1975 State of the Union Message, unveiled a comprehensive energy program designed to provide balance between energy demand and domestic energy supply. Under this program, the Nation's vast coal and oil shale resources would provide a major contribution to future energy supplies. As part of this comprehensive program, the President:

"...established a goal of 1 million barrels of synthetic fuels and shale oil production by 1985 together with an incentive program to achieve it..."

In response to the President's goal, the Office of Management and Budget organized an interagency task force in February 1975 to:

- evaluate the overall costs and benefits of each alternative program from a national viewpoint including such factors as direct financial cost to government, opportunity cost, environmental and social impacts, macro-economic and distributional effects, national security/insurance benefit; and
- develop detailed incentive program plans to ensure several alternative levels (including 1 million barrels per day) of synthetic fuels capacity by 1985;
- recommend a preferred program level option and develop the details necessary for expeditious implementation.

The results of the Synfuels Interagency Task Force are presented in four volumes:

- I. Overview with Detailed Executive Summary
- II. Cost/Benefit Analysis
- III. Technology and Recommended Incentives
- IV. Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The draft reports were prepared over the period Feburary 19, 1975, to July 11, 1975, in four broad phases. The final report was completed in early October after interagency and ERC review. The overall activity schedule is depicted in Figure A-1; major tasks are presented in Table A-1. As indicated, initial effort was devoted to the collection of data specifically related to synthetic fuels commercialization. Phase II involved

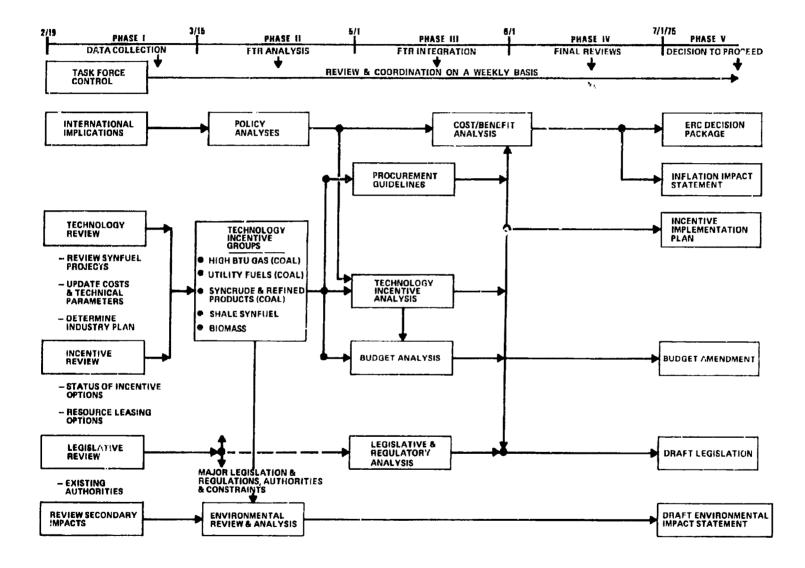


FIGURE A-1 SYNTHETIC FUELS COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAM FLOW CHART OF MAJOR TASKS

Table A-1. Synthetic Fuels Commercialization Program Major Task/Task Group

Phase I	Data Collection			
	Critical Review of Synfuels Projections Updating Sunfuel Cost and Technical	2/19	3/14	nsf
	Parameters	.,	11	ERDA
	Determine Current Status of Industry Plans	ty	n	FEA
	Status of Consideration of Incentive Options	12	ħ	FEA
	Beview of Secondary Impacts Potential of Energy Resource Leasing	**	**	DOI
	Options Internation Implications of Synfuels	**	*	DOI
	Commercialization	"	# #5	STATE
	Legislative and Regulatory Review Task Force Control	**	#	TEA OMB
Phase II	Analysis			
	Task Force Control Technology and Incentive Analysis	3/15	4/30	OMB
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	 High Btu gas from coal Utility/Industrial fuels 	11		
	Syncrude from coal	**		
	Shale Oil	11	#	
	Biomass	11	***	
	Environmental Analysis	tt	n	
	Policy Analysis	te.	17	•
	Procurement Analysis	**	"	
Phase III	Integration of Analyses			
	Task Force Control	5/1	5/31	OMB
	Incentive Cost Analysis	11		
	Policy Analysis			
	 Program Benefits and Costs 	es	n	
	• Environmental Impacts	n	n	
	Eudget Impacts	12	11	
	Legislation Required	n	H	
	Procurement Guide Lines	n	11	
	• Organizational Options	11	**	
Phase IV	Final Review/Recommendations	6/1	6/30	

Task Force Output

- Incentives and Implementation Plan
- Recommended Program Size
 Budget Amendments/Inflation
 Impact Statement
 Environmental Impact Statement

Phase V Decision on Program Implementation

analysis of this information by individual Task Groups. Phase III and IV overlapped somewhat as the individual analyses prepared in Phase II were integrated into a comprehensive analysis, final review of the integrated program completed, and recommendations developed.

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