

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF RULES
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(INTERIOR & ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS
DIVISION)
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At the end of division E (before the short title), insert the following:

1 POLICIES RELATING TO BIOMASS ENERGY

2 SEC. _____. To support the key role that forests in
3 the United States can play in addressing the energy needs
4 of the United States, the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
5 retary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Envi-
6 ronmental Protection Agency shall, consistent with their
7 missions, jointly—

8 (1) ensure that Federal policy relating to forest
9 bioenergy—

10 (A) is consistent across all Federal depart-
11 ments and agencies; and

12 (B) recognizes the full benefits of the use
13 of forest biomass for energy, conservation, and
14 responsible forest management; and

1 (2) establish clear and simple policies for the
2 use of forest biomass as an energy solution, includ-
3 ing policies that—

4 (A) reflect the carbon-neutrality of forest
5 bioenergy and recognize biomass as a renewable
6 energy source, provided the use of forest bio-
7 mass for energy production does not cause con-
8 version of forests to nonforest use;

9 (B) encourage private investment through-
10 out the forest biomass supply chain, including
11 in—

12 (i) working forests;

13 (ii) harvesting operations;

14 (iii) forest improvement operations;

15 (iv) forest bioenergy production;

16 (v) wood products manufacturing; or

17 (vi) paper manufacturing;

18 (C) encourage forest management to im-
19 prove forest health; and

20 (D) recognize State initiatives to produce
21 and use forest biomass.

