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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS, COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE, Washington, D.C., August 16, 1976.

Hon. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,

Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am transmitting herewith a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Report entitled "Estimate of the Number of Federal Employees Engaged in Regulatory Activities." The CBO Study, conducted for the Subcommittee at my request, concludes: "Under a refined definition to determine positions more directly related to regulation by excluding program support positions not directly involved in regulation, the estimate of the number of Federal regulators would be 84,773." Even when the CBO adds 7,399 positions not directly related to regulation such as public information, consumer education, legislative liaison, and research, the total still falls significantly short of recent claims that there are over 100,000 regulators employed by the Federal Government. The 84,773 figure is small compared to the total number of Federal

The 84,773 figure is small compared to the total number of Federal workers. 4,561,400 persons are employed by the Federal Government, according to the President's proposed 1977 budget. Thus, about 2% of all Federal workers are directly, but not exclusively, involved in regulation. Approximately, 45% of all Federal workers are in military uniform. The 84,773 figure is also small when compared to persons employed by one of America's leading manufacturers, General Motors, which now has 756,000 persons on its payroll.

employed by one of America's leading manufacturers, General Motors, which now has 756,000 persons on its payroll. The CBO recognizes that there "is no single accepted definition of what constitutes regulation by the Federal Government." To determine a reasonable basis for identifying Federal employees engaged in regulatory activities, the CBO started with its broadest definition by including activities which:

Impact [on] the operating business environment of broad sectors of private enterprise, including market entry and exit; rate, price, and profit structures; and competition;

rate, price, and profit structures; and competition; Impact [on] specific commodities, products, or services through permit, certification, or licensing requirements; and

Involve the development, administration, and enforcement of national standards, violations of which could result in civil or criminal penalties, or which result in the types of impact described above.

The report calls this "the CBO general definition." For a more refined definition, the CBO excluded support positions not directly related to regulation. The positions excluded are those of persons engaged

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primarily in: (1) public information, consumer education, legislative matters, complaint processing, business and consumer advice or assistance, and research; and (2) data gathering and economic analysis functions not directly and primarily related to regulatory activity.

There were thirty-three departments and agencies which fell within the scope of the CBO general definition. Most of the Federal regulators were found in Executive Departments (63%) and the remainder in independent regulatory agencies (37%). In terms of the types of regulatory activities under the CBO general

In terms of the types of regulatory activities under the CBO general definition, the four categories and their percentages of the total are:

Economic	regulation	of	commerce,	transportation,	agriculture,	and	
communi	cations			_			-17
Health, saf	ety, and en	viror	mental and	consumer protect	tion regulation	n	58
Regulation	of banking	and	financial act	ivities ¹	0	•	14
Employme	nt and civil	righ	ts regulation				11
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Total_____.100

As you know, throughout the past year, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations has conducted an extensive study of the need and means for reform of the regulatory process. The subcommittee has obtained the views from those in business, government, the academic community, and the public at large. It has conducted hearings on nine agencies within our jurisdiction: the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Power Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The subcommittee expects to complete the first of several parts of its report on regulatory reform shortly. Towards that effort, the Congressional Budget Office report will be of considerable value to the subcommittee and to the Congress.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. Moss,

Chairman, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

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SUMMARY

Background

Chairman John E. Moss of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce requested the assistance of the Congressional Budget Office in the subcommittee's review of regulatory agencies. Specifically, the Chairman asked that the CBO provide its best estimate of the number of federal employees engaged in regulatory activities.

Defining regulation

There is no single accepted definition of what constitutes **regulation** by the federal government. The broadest definition would include all governmental activities which somehow affect the operations of private industry or the lives of private citizens. Such a definition would result in the identification of most federal activities as regulatory. Developing staffing estimates for federal agencies involves the identification of positions needed for direct program operations, program support, and administrative support. In the regulatory agencies program support positions include those involved in public information, consumer education, legislative matters, complaint processing, business and consumer advice or assistance, and research. Also, there are persons engaged in data gathering and economic analysis functions not directly and primarily related to regulatory activity in agencies with regulatory functions.

Because of the broadly varying views of what constitutes regulation, the CBO analysis used a general definition which would provide a "reasonable" basis for identifying federal employees engaged in regulatory activities. The CBO general definition included activities which:

impact the operating business environment of broad sectors of private enterprise, including market entry and exit; rate, price, and profit structures; and competition;

impact specific commodities, products, or services through permit, certification, or licensing requirements; and

involve the development, administration, and enforcement of national standards, violations of which could result in eivil or criminal penalties, or which result in the types of impact described above.

The CBO staffing estimate

Thirty-three departments and agencies are involved in activities which appear to come within the scope of the GBO general definition fregulation. These agencies are devoting 92,172 man-years of effort during fiscal year 1976 to these activities. Under a refined definition to determine positions more directly related to regulation by excluding program support positions not directly involved in regulation, the estimate of the number of federal regulators would be 84,773.

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Department or agency	Number underCBO general definition	Number excluding program support positions	Total 1
Agriculture	20, 470	2, 582	17,888
Commerce	2,260		2,260
Defense	789		789
Health, Education, and Welfare	8, 023	789	7, 234
Housing and Urban Development	166		166
Interior	3, 561	84	3, 477
Justice	1, 161	602	1, 161
Labor	7, 055		6, 453
Transportation	9,317	287	9, 030
Treasury	5, 028		5,028
Civil Aeronautics Board	708	29	679
Commission on Civil Rights	302	12	290
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	450	12	438
Consumer Product Safety Commission	935	65	870
Environmental Protection Agency	6,938	2,029	4, 909
Environmental Protection Agency.	2, 584	22	2, 562
Federal Communications Commission.	2,018	173	1, 845
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	3, 265	19	3, 246
Federal Energy Administration	1, 824	127	1,697
Federal Home Loan Bank Board	1,205	62	1, 143
Federal Maritime Commission	321	11	310
Federal Power Commission	1,398	14	1,384
Federal Reserve Board	277		277
Federal Trade Commission	1,678	203	1, 475
Interstate Commerce Commission		9	2, 133
National Credit Union Administration	602	13	589
National Labor Relations Board	2, 570	11	2, 559
National Mediation Board	105		105
National Transportation Safety Board	386	6	380
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2, 335	179_	2, 156
		5	174
Postal Rate Commission		1	1 077
Securities and Exchange Commission	2, 030	53	1,977

SUMMARY OF FISCAL YEAR 1976 REGULATORY MAN-YEARS, BY AGENCY

1 CBO general definition less program support.

Total.

As shown below, more man-years are being expended in the areas of health, safety, and environmental and consumer protection regulation than in any of the other principal categories identified. Of the total of 02.122 92,172 man-years, 57,830 are in departments and 34,342 in independent agencies.

92, 172

7, 399

84, 773

Summary of fiscal year 1976 man-years devoted to regulatory activities under CBO general definition

Economic regulation of commerce, transportation, agriculture, and

communications	15, 422
Health, safety, and environmental and consumer protection regulation	53, 729
Regulation of banking and financial activities	13, 193
Employment and civil rights regulation	9, 828
Total	92, 172

The CBO budgetary cost estimate

The fiscal year 1976 estimated budgetary cost of the activities covered by the CBO general definition of regulation is \$2.9 billion. Of the \$2.9 billion in outlays, \$2.1 billion is associated with 7 of the

33 departments and agencies:

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Fiscal year 1976 outlays for regulatory activities by agency (millions of dollars)

Department of Agriculture Environmental Protection Agency Department of Transportation Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	500
Environmental Protection Agency	500 444
Department of Transportation	402
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	265 226
Department of Labor	226
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	200
Department of Labor	102
Subtotal	2. 139
All others	2, 139 715
	2,854
Total	2, 854

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THE NUMBER OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is engaged in a regulatory reform review of nine agencies within its jurisdiction. Chairman John E. Moss requested the assistance of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in developing information for the Subcommittee. Specifically, the Chairman requested CBO's best estimate of the number of federal employees engaged in regulatory activities. The results of the analytical effort undertaken to develop the estimate follow. A more detailed description of the analytical approach is provided in Appendix A.

DEFINING REGULATION

There is no single accepted definition of what constitutes regulation by the federal government; and definition is the critical element in developing any staffing estimate. A "traditional" definition would include those activites which impact major aspects of private enterprise operations, such as market entry and exit; rate, price, and profit structures; and competitive environment. This definition would—at a minimum—cover the oldest and some of the best known independent regulatory agencies; e.g., the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Power Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many activities of the federal government in the areas of health, safety, environmental and consumer protection, and employment standards have significant regulatory impact on private enterprise operations. The broadest definition of federal regulation would include all governmental activities which somehow affect the operations of private industry or the lives of private citizens. Such a definition would result in the identification of most federal activities as regulatory.

CBO GENERAL DEFINITION OF REGULATION

Because of the broadly varying views of what constitutes regulation, the CBO analysis used a general definition which would provide a "reasonable" basis for identifying federal employees engaged in regulatory activities. The CBO general definition included activities which—

Impact on the operating business environment of broad sectors of private enterprise, including market entry and exit; rate, price, and profit structures; and competition;

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Impact on specific commodities, products, or services through permit, certification, or licensing requirements; and

Involve the development, administration, and enforcement of national standards, violations of which could result in civil or criminal penalties, or which result in the types of impact described above.

There are other activities found in several agencies which are difficult to categorize as regulatory, nonregulatory, or something in between. The CBO estimate would be much higher if staffing for these activities were included. A description of these "borderline" activities is included in the chapter on survey results.

activities is included in the chapter on survey results. The scope of the definition did not include certain **major** governmental program areas: national defense and foreign policy activities; law enforcement activities; revenue collection activities (e.g., the Internal Revenue Service); the internal management of the federal government (e.g., the Civil Service Commission); and economic policy:

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CHAPTER II

SURVEY RESULTS

OVERVIEW

Thirty-three departments and agencies are involved in activities which appear to come within the scope of the CBO general definition of regulation. These agencies are devoting 92,172 man-years of effort during fiscal year 1976 to these activities. As shown below, more manyears are being expended in the areas of health, safety, and environmental and consumer protection regulation than in any of the other principal categories identified. Of the total of 92,172 man-years, 57,830 are in departments and 34,342 are in independent agencies.

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A more refined definition of administrative and program support positions identified to regulatory program activities would reduce the estimate of 92,172 by 7,399 to 84,773. The excluded positions are those of persons engaged primarily in: (1) public information, consumer education, legislative matters, complaint processing, business and consumer advice or assistance, and research; and (2) data gathering and economic analysis functions not directly and primarily related to regulatory activity.

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Exclusion of certain a	administrative	and program	support-type positions—Number of	
-	positions in a	ctivities to be	excluded	

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Department or agency	
Agriculture 1	2, 582
Commerce	
Defense	
Health, Education, and Welfare	
Housing and Urban Development	
Interior	84
Justice	
Labor Transportation	602
Transportation	287
Treasury Civil Aeronautics Board	
Civil Aeronautics Board	<u>29</u>
Commission on Civil Rights Commodity Futures Trading Commission	12
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	12
Consumer Froduct Safety Commission	0.5
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	2, 029
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	22
Federal Communications Commission	173
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	19
Federal Energy Administration	127
Federal Home Loan Bank Board	62
Federal Maritime Commission	11
Federal Power Commission	14
Federal Reserve Board	
Federal Trade Commission	203
Federal Trade Commission	9
National Credit Union Administration	13
National Labor Relations Doard	11
National Mediation Board National Transportation Safety Board Nuclear Regulatory Commission Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission	
National Transportation Safety Board	6
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	179
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission	5
Postal Rate Commission	1
Postal Rate Commission Securities and Exchange Commission	53
Total	7, 399

ECONOMIC REGULATION OF COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMUNICATIONS

The economic regulation of commerce, transportation, agriculture, and communications includes market entry and exit; price, rate, and profit structures; and competitive environment. In fiscal year 1976, 15,422 man-years were devoted to this category.

Fiscal year 1976 man-years for economic regulation by agency

Department of Agriculture	3, 014
Department of Agriculture	2, 260
Federal Communications Commission	2, 018
Federal Energy Administration	
Federal Power Commission	1, 824 1, 398
Federal Trade Commission	862
Interstate Commerce Commission	2, 142
All others	1, 904
Total	15, 422

Fiscal year 1976 man-years for economic regulation by activity

Award of franchises and other rights	4, 723
Rate, price, and profit structure	3, 406
Antitrust promotion of competition	1, 742
Financial condition and procedures	503
Other	5, 048
Total	

All of the man-years for the Department of Commerce (2,260) are for the issuance of patents (Award of Franchises and Other Rights). Of the Department of Agriculture's 3,014 man-years, 1,277 are for inspection, grading, classing, and standardization of certain agricultural products; and 844 are for tobacco and peanut acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Major activities in the independent agencies include:

1,127 man-years in the Federal Communications Commission for licensing activities and 455 man-years for enforcement of rules and regulations related to radio services.

775 man-years in the Federal Trade Commission for activities related to anti-trust and promotion of competition. 509 man-years in the Federal Power Commission for the issu-

509 man-years in the Federal Power Commission for the issuance of permits and licenses for non-Federal hydroelectric power projects and for certificates for interstate gas sales and construction and operation of interstate pipeline facilities; 499 man-years for regulation of rates in interstate wholesale transactions in electric power and natural gas.

1,658 man-years in the Federal Energy Administration related to rates and prices for crude oil, petroleum products, and other energy resources.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATION

Of the 53,729 man-years devoted to health, safety, and environmental and consumer protection regulation, 50,178 or 93 percent are in seven agencies.

Fiscal year 1976 man-years for health, safely, and environmental and consumer protection regulation by agency

Department of Agriculture	17, 456
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	
Department of the Interior	3, 561
Department of Labor	2, 570
Department of Transportation	9, 317
Environmental Protection Agency	6, 938 2, 313
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	
All others	3, 551
Total	53, 729

The largest single bloc of man-years (11,547) is expended in meat and poultry inspection by the Department of Agriculture. Agriculture also devotes 4,683 man-years to animal and plant disease and pest control. Most of the man-years of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's regulatory total are chargeable to the activities of the Food and Drug Administration. The majority (3,134) of the man-years for the Department of the Interior are related **to** mining safety. In the Department of Labor the man-years are for occupational safety and health activities.

The Department of Transportation devotes 5,043 man-years to aviation safety (Federal Aviation Administration) and 2,842 manyears to water safety (U.S. Coast Guard). The man-years for the Environmental Protection Agency do not include its construction grants program and certain other functions not related directly to regulatory activities.

Of the total of 53,729 man-years, the majority are devoted to public health and safety (26,175) and consumer health and safety (12,537).

REGULATION OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

This category includes federal chartering, insuring of deposits, and financial oversight of banking and financial institutions, including national banks, insured State banks, credit unions, and savings and loan institutions. A total of 8,059 man-years are devoted to these activities in the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Comptroller of the Currency, and National Credit Union Administration. The monetary policy responsibilities of the Federal Reserves Board have been excluded. This category also includes the Securities and Exchange Commission

This category also includes the Securities and Exchange Commission (2,030 man-years), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (450 man-years), and activities of the Departments of the Treasury and Labor related to employee pension plans (1,188 and 578 man-years respectively).

EMPLOYMENT AND CIVIL EIGHTS REGULATION

This category covers governmental activities which pertain to employment opportunity and other civil rights activities, compensation, and labor relations. A total of 9,828 man-years were devoted to this category in fiscal year 1976. Major activities include: 3,791 man-years for employment opportunity and other civil

3,791 man-years for employment opportunity and other civil rights activities (Departments of Justice and Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Commission on Civil Rights).

3,534 man-years for labor relations (Department of Labor, National Labor Relations Board, and National Mediation Board),

2,379 man-years for the administration of federal laws pertaining to compensation (Department of Labor).

"GRAY AREA" ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL GRANT, CONTRACT, AND ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

Federal programs providing assistance and transfer payments in areas such as education, training, unemployment, health, and income security have regulations which determine eligibility requirements and benefit levels. Federal grantees and contractors must conform with certain regulations as a requirement associated with doing

business with the federal government. Arguments can be made pro and con about the "regulatory" nature of any of these programs. These activities were not included in the CBO estimate because the requirements involved deal primarily with the *administration* of programs whose primary objectives are not to regulate private sector operations but to achieve different public policy goals.

CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OPERATED OR MANAGED ACTIVITIES

Federal programs for managing public lands, national parks, and •similar resources involve the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Geological Survey, and the Ocean Mining Administration. These activities can impact private business significantly through the Government's control of access to the resources involved. The programs have been excluded from the CBO estimate because their primary objective is to manage the public domain. Also excluded are activities such as the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Bonneville Power Administration. In these programs the Federal Government is operating as a business enterprise rather than regulating private enterprise operations.

INFORMATION GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Many Federal departments and agencies conduct information gathering activities not related directly to a regulatory responsibility. Such activities have not been included in the CBO estimate, even though they may place a "paperwork" requirement on an industry, State or local government, or private individual. The following indicates the staffing of major information gathering activities not related to regulatory responsibilities.

Estimate, 1976, of principal Federal statistical programs—permanent positions by agency

Department of Agriculture, Statistical Reporting Service	1, 235
Department of Commerce: Bureau of the Census	4 295
Bureau of the Census Bureau of Economic Analysis	4, 385 517
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare: National Center for Education Statistics	
National Center for Education Statistics	191
National Center for Health Statistics	522
Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics	1, //4
Total	8, 624

:Source: Special Analysis G; Budget of the United States Government; Fiscal Year 1977.

CHAPTER III

BUDGETARY COSTS OF REGULATION

The fiscal year 1976 estimated budgetary cost of the activities covered by the CBO general definition of regulation is \$2.9 billion. The estimate includes the total outlays for the independent agencies and departmental bureaus whose entire mission is identified as regu-latory plus an average cost of \$20,000 per regulatory man-year in other agencies. The outlay figures do not reflect offsetting receipts from user charges from user charges. Of the \$2.9 billion in outlays, \$2.1 billion is associated with 7 of

the 33 departments and agencies:

Fiscal year 1976 outlays for regulatory activities by agency (millions of dollars)

Department of Agriculture Environmental Protection Agency	<u> </u>
Department of Transportation Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	402 265
Department of Health, Education, and Wenare	203 226 200
Department of Itabor Nuclear Regulatory Commission Department of the Treasury	
SubtotalAll others	2, 139 715
Total	2,854

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APPENDIX A

ANALYTICAL APPROACH

Four steps were taken in developing an estimate of the number of federal employees engaged in regulatory activities. They were:

Development of a working definition of regulation to provide a basis for identifying federal employees engaged in regulatory activities;

The initial identification of departments and agencies with activities which appeared to come within the scope of the definition;

Collection of staffing data from the identified departments and agencies; and

Analysis of the data.

DEFINING REGULATION

Because of the varying views of what constitutes regulation, the CBO analysis used a general definition which would provide a reasonable basis for identifying federal employees engaged in regulatory activities. The CBO definition included activities which:

Impact the operating business environment of broad sectors of private enterprise, including market entry and exit, rate, price, and profit structures;

Impact specific commodities, products, or services through permit, certification, or licensing requirements; and

Involve the development, administration, and enforcement of national standards, violations of which could result in civil or criminal penalties, or which result in the types of impact described above.

Not considered within the scope of the definition were certain major governmental program areas: national defense and foreign policy activities; law enforcement activities; revenue collection activities (e.g., Internal Revenue Service); internal management of the federal government (e.g., the Civil Service Commission); and economic policy.

IDENTIFICATION OF REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

A review of functional descriptions and mission statements found in the United States Government Organization Manual, the Budget of the United States, and other relevant documents resulted in the identification of 33 departments and agencies within the executive branch with activities which appear to come within the scope of the CBO definition of regulation (see listings at end of appendix). Excluded from the review were the Executive Office of the President and certain boards, committees, and commissions. The Executive Office of the President was excluded because of its primary role as a staff support organization for the President. The boards, committees,

and commissions were excluded because of the absence of any meaningful concentration of positions and the marginal impact of their operations. Also excluded were advisory committees, quasi-official agencies, multilateral organizations; and bilateral organizations.

COLLECTION OF STAFFING DATA

Staffing data for fiscal year 1976 were requested from the 33 departments and agencies having identified regulatory activities. The data were requested in terms of man-years to adjust for other than full-time employment and for positions which are split between regulatory and non-regulatory activities. No distinction was made between clerical and professional positions. Administrative and program support positions were prorated to program activities in the compilation of data under the general definition without further distinction as to the kinds of support positions counted.

In most cases the agencies were able to supply the information as requested, although in some instances slight adjustments were made due to particular budget or organizational idiosyncrasies. These adjustments did not affect the overall results of the survey.

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA

The data submitted by the departments, and agences were compiled by major type of regulation (e.g., economic regulation, health and safety, etc.) and by subcategory within major type. There were, however, certain areas of governmental activity which were difficult to categorize as regulatory, non-regulatory, or something in-between. The CBO estimate would be much higher if staffing for these ac-tivities were included. A description of these "borderline" activities has been included in the report.

EXECUTIVE BEANCH ORGANIZATIONS WITH REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Departments

Agriculture Commerce Defense (Corps of Engineers) Health, Education, and Welfare Housing and Urban Development Interior Justice Labor Transportation Treasury

Independent agencies

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Civil Aeronautics Board

Commission on Civil Rights

Commodity Futures Trading Commission Consumer Product Safety Commission

Environmental Protection Agency

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Federal Communications Commission

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Federal Energy Administration Federal Home Loan Bank Board Federal Maritime Commission Federal Power Commission Federal Trade Commission Interstate Commerce Commission National Credit Union Administration National Credit Union Administration National Labor Relations Board National Mediation Board National Mediation Board Nuclear Regulatory Commission Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Postal Rate Commission Securities and Exchange Commission

Executive branch organizations not having regulatory activities

Department of State ACTION Administrative Conference of the United States American Battle Monuments Commission American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Appalachian Regional Commission Canal Zone Government Commission on Fine Arts **Community Services Administration** District of Columbia Energy Research and Development Administration Export-Import Bank of the United States Farm Credit Administration Federal Election Commission Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U.S. General Services Administration Indian Claims Commission Inter-American Foundation National Aeronautics and Space Administration National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities National Science Foundation Overseas Private Investment Corporation Panama Canal Company Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Railroad Retirement Board **Renegotiation Board** Selective Service System Small Business Administration Smithsonian Institution Tennessee Valley Authority U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency U.S. Civil Service Commission U.S. Information Agency U.S. International Trade Commission U.S. Postal Service Veterans Administration

Organizations not included in survey

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Legislative branch Judicial branch Executive Office of the Preisdent **Quasi-Official Agencies:** National Academy of Sciences National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) The American Red Cross Multilateral International Organizations **Bilateral Organizations** Advisory Committees Selected Boards, Committees, and Commissions Administrative Committee of the Federal Register Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Board of Foreign Scholarships Board on Geographic Names Commission on Presidential Scholars Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped Delaware River Basin Commission Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board Export Administration Review Board Federal Advisory Council on Regional Economic Development Federal Council for Science and Technology Federal Fire Council Federal Labor Relations Council Federal Library Committee Federal Records Council Federal Safety Advisory Council Federal Service Impasses Panel Foreign-Trade Zones Board Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission Indian Arts and Crafts Board Interagency Classification Review Committee Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women Interdepartmental Savings Bonds Committee Interim Compliance Panel Marine Mammal Commission Migratory Bird Conservation Commission Mississippi River Commission National Advisory Council on the Education of Disadvantaged Children National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies National Archives Trust Fund Board National Capital Planning Commission National Commission on Libraries and Information Science National Commission on Water Quality National Forest Reservation Commission National Historical Publications and Records Commission

National Park Foundation

National Review Board for the Center for Cultural and Tech-nical Interchange Between East and West Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise President's Commission on Personnel Interchange President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped President's Economic Policy Board President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Regional Action Planning Commissions Susquehanna River Basin Commission Trade Expansion Act Advisory Committee United States Advisory Commission on International Educational and Cultural Affairs United States National Commission for UNESCO United States Territorial Expansion Memorial Commission Veterans Day National Committee Water Resources Council

APPENDIX B

MANPOWER DOCUMENTATION

ECONOMIC REGULATION OF COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMUNICATIONS

[Fiscal year 1976 man-years]

Department or agency	Award of franchises and other rights	Rate price and profit structure		Financial health and procedures	Other	Total
Agriculture	2, 260	38	67		2, 894	3, 014 2, 260 801
Justice						801
Civil Aeronautics Board Federal Communications Commission	272 1, 127	176 192	64	93	84 689	689 [,] 2,018
Federal Energy Administration	120	1,658	10 3		43	1. 824
Federal Maritime Commission	123					1, 824 302
Federal Power Commission	509	499		. 99	291	1, 398 862
Federal Trade Commission	297	87 487		311	1, 047	2, 142 22
Postal Rate Commission		90				9 0
Total	4, 723	3, 406	1,742	503	5, 048	15, 422

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION REGLUATION

[Fiscal year 1976 man-years]

Department or agency	Public health and safety	Worker health and safety	Consumer health and safety	Consumer protection	Other	To
griculture			<u> </u>	160	5, 749	17,
lealth, Education, and Welfare	7,257	760 3,314			247	8, 3,
ousing and Urban Development abor ransportation		2,570	34		118	2, 9,
vil Aeronautics Board	39			203 19		
onsumer Product Safety Commission. Avironmental Protection Agency	6,938.					6,
ederal Trade Commission	386.		9	807		
uclear Regulatory Commission ccupational Safety and Health Review Commission	2,313.					2,
- Total	26,715	7,028	12, 537	1, 335	6, 114	53,

REGULATION OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

[Fiscal year 1976 man-years]

Department or agency	Regulation of banks and financial. institutions	Other financial regulation	Total
Treasury . Labor Federal Reserve Board	277 .	2, 076 578	4, 786 578 277
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Federal Home Loan Bank Board National Credit Union Administration	3, 265		3,265 1,205 602
Commodify Futures Trading Commission Securities and Exchange Commission		450 2,030	450 2,030
Total	8, 059	5, 134	13, 193;

EMPLOYMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS REGULATION

[Fiscal year 1976 man-years]

Department or agency		Compensation and benefits	Labor relations	Other	Total
Justice Labor		2,379	859	124	
lustice abor commission on Civil Rights. qual Employment Opportunity Comis- sion vational Labor Relations Board National Mediation Board.	2,584	••••••	2, 570	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2, 584 2, 570 105
Total		2, 379	3,534	124	9,828

REGULATORY MAN-YEARS BY AGENCY

[Fiscal year 1976 man-years]

Department or agency	Economic regulation of commerce, etc	Safety and health and related regulation		and civil	Tota
	3.014	17.456			. 20.47
Commerce	2, 260				2,26
Defense					78
Defense lealth, Education, and Welfare		8,023			
lousing and Urban Development nterior					16
nterior					
usticeabor	<u> </u>			360 3.907	1, 16
abor		2.570	578	3,907	7.05
ransportation		9, 317	· · · · · , <u></u> ,		9, 31
Freasury Civil Aeronautics Board.		<u></u> 242	4,786		
Civil Aeronautics Board		19			
Commission on Civil Rights					30
ommodity Futures Trading Commission			450		45
Commonity Futures Tracing Commission		935			
nvironmental Protection Agency	<u></u>	6, 938			6, 93 2, 58 2, 01
qual Employment Opportunity Commission				2, 384	2, 30
ederal Communications Commission	2,018		0 000		3, 26
ederal Deposit Insurance Corporation	1 074		3, 200		3, 20
aual Employment Opportunity Commission	1, 624		4.005		
					1, 20
ederal Maritime Commission	302	19			1, ³² 1, 39
ederal Reserve Board	007		277		27 1.67
nterstate Commerce Commission	2 142	010	· · · · · · · · · · -		2, 14
National Credit Union Administration	Z, 142-		602		
Vational Labor Relations Board				2 570	2 , 57
Valional Labor Relations Board	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • •	L , 370	E , 37
Vational Mediation Board	<u> </u>	206			10
Judeer Regulatory Commission		2 313			2 33
Nuclear Regulatory Commission		2, 313	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	
Valuria Mediation Doalog. Valuciar Regulatory Commission Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Ostal Rate Commission.	00	179	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	
Securities and Exchange Commission		•••••	2 030		2, 03
Commesand Exchange Commission	· · · · · ·		<u> </u>		2,03

APPENDIX C

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BUDGETARY COST DOCUMENTATION 1

[Dollars in millions] **Departments:** Agriculture______ Commerce______ Defense (Corps of Engineers)_____ Health, Education, and Welfare_____ Housing and Urban Development_____ 500 84 16 265 9ŏ Interior Justice 32 <u>2</u>26 Labor Transportation 402 Treasury 102 1,720 Subtotal Independent agencies: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (2) Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sy Civil Aeronautics Board Commission on Civil Rights Commodity Futures Trading Commission Consumer Product Safety Commission Environmental Protection Agency Equal. Employment Opportunity Commission Federal Communications Commission Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Federal Energy Administration ìģ 48 (2) Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Federal Energy Administration Federal Home Loan Bank Board Federal Maritime Commission Federal Power Commission Federal Trade Commission Interstate Commerce Commission National Credit Union Administration National Labor Relations Board 36 52 (2) $\frac{12}{3}$ National Mediation Board National Transportation Safety Board Nuclear Regulatory Commission Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Postal Rate Commission Securities and Exchange Commission 200 6 $\frac{-3}{12}$ 1, 134 Subtotal 2,854 Total_

¹ Costs do not reflect offsetting receipts from user charges. ² These are self-supporting activities which do not require appropriation of U.S. Treasury funds. ³ Payments to air carriers are not included.