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**From:** Burns, Stephen *OGC*  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 22, 2011 12:02 PM  
**To:** Ash, Darren; Dyer, Jim  
**Cc:** Borchardt, Bill; Mamish, Nader; Itzkowitz, Marvin; Rothschild, Trip; Maxin, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: memo from OMB -- additional thoughts

My staff confirms the basic response I gave in my earlier email – this doesn't apply to us per se, but we would be wise to consider actions requested under it. One approach would be to task a manager with formulating a list of processes/procedures that we already have in place to identify areas of waste, inefficiencies etc.

Whoever is responsible for these processes/procedures can then be tasked with ensuring that they be utilized to focus on conferences, in particular, going forward. In other words, let's not prepare a list of conference-related activities at the NRC that we now suddenly conclude are wasteful, but let's be prepared to ensure whoever asks that we have processes/procedures designed to focus on these issues and those responsible have been directed to utilize the processes/procedures to focus on conference-related costs.

If our review of processes/procedures reflect that we are lacking in some area, we can modify the process as now deemed appropriate.

I think this complies with the underlying purpose of the OMB memo without viewing ourselves as required to report under it.

Steve

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**From:** Ash, Darren *EDD*  
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See attached – emphasis on conference spending.

Applicable to us? If so, we should discuss.

Darren