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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIVERSITY PATENT ADMINISTRATORS

Subject:

Regulations to Implement Public Law 98-620

Public Law 96-620 extended to most nonprofit operators of Government-owned laboratories the same rights to own and manage inventions produced with Federal research and development (R&D) funding that P. L. 96-517 gave to nonprofit organizations in general. The recent law also transferred the authority to issue implementing regulations from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the Department of Commerce.

Enclosed, for your information, is a mark-up that shows how the new law modified P. L. 96-517 and draft implementing regulations just published in the <u>Federal Register</u>. Please note that if you have any comments on the draft regulations, we should receive them by June 3.

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