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John

I will certainly send comments -- I have not been able to study the draft carefully; Alan asked me to think about the recommendations for the use of cost effectiveness analysis with respect to QALYs for the RFF conference --so this is where I put my initial emphasis. I have extracted three overheads from my talk for thursday because this was the easiest way to give you a heads up on my reactions. I think of QALYs as a restricted form of a relative tradeoff --a restricted form of the "B" in the first overhead; using the example of cost effectiveness logic in the next one as a form of rhetorical valuation --eg allowing the policy analyst to ask a rhetorical question of sorts --here is what it costs per unit --is it worth it ? That then raises the question --how is a QALY and appropriate unit --it has only a relative meaning --not really a meaning as an amount of anything --because it is measure in comparison to a restricted pre-existing standard that can be different for each person. I will write this up along with my other comments and get them in by your deadline --thanks for thinking of me  
kerry

-----Original Message-----

From: John-Graham@omb.eop.gov

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Subject: request for peer review

Professor Smith:

We are asking ten leading academics to peer review our Draft Report to Congress on Regulation, including our proposal to refine OMB's guidelines for regulatory analysis. We would like you to serve in this capacity. Although we do not have

the resources to offer you appropriate compensation, we respectfully request that you perform this review as a public service. The deadline for the review is April 3rd of this year and the contents of your review will be made public when the Report is issued in final form later this year.

You can obtain a copy of the Report from OMB's web site, and please feel free to contact John Morrall and Art Fraas on my staff if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for considering this request.



- notes to John.ppt