






2021 US Government (OMB) IPv6 Mandate

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OMB IP Mandates

- OMB = US Office of Management & Budget:
 - Oversees US Federal Agencies:
 - DOE = US Dept. of Energy (a federal agency)
 - OMB mandates are executive orders for Agencies to follow
 - OMB rates Agencies on their adherence
- Previous OMB IPv6 mandates:
 - 2005: Federal agency networks provide IPv6 support by 2010 
 - 2010: [a] IPv6 support for DNS, email, & web services within federal agencies by 2012 
 - [b] Internal (user) client applications use IPv6 by 2014 
 - US National Labs were excluded from those mandates:
 - But Labs were supposed to make a “best faith” effort to comply

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No later than FY23, all new networked Federal information systems will be IPv6-enabled at the time of deployment...

- At least 20% of IP-enabled assets operating in **IPv6-only** environments by end of FY23 (Sep 30, 2023)
- At least 50% of IP-enabled assets operating in **IPv6-only** environments by end of FY24 (Sep 30, 2024)
- At least 80% of IP-enabled assets operating in **IPv6 only** environments by end of FY25 (Sep 30, 2025)

 ***US National Labs are NOT being excluded*** 

Compliance to be measured DOE-wide

Current DOE guidance - all sites should strive for 100% compliance by FY25

The OMB IPv6 Directive Process (in progress...)

1. OMB issues directive to Agencies (ie., DOE):
 - Requires Agency to respond with implementation plan for review/approval
 - IPv6 mandate directive issued last November
 - Agency response with implementation plans due Sept 30, 2021
2. DOE currently drafting department-wide implementation plan
 - IPv6 data call sent to Labs:
 - List status/readiness of systems to support IPv6-only environment
 - Lab responses due next week (June 25th)
 - Quarterly IPv6 data calls to follow to track status
 - DOE to use data call info to help frame their response to OMB
 - Also to formulate DOE IPv6 policy for exemptions, timeline adjustments, etc.

Summing Up...

- US federal government has mandated a new IPv6 deployment policy
 - Targeting transition to IPv6-only environments
 - Very aggressive in scope & timelines
- US Dept of Energy is drafting an IPv6 implementation plan in response
 - The US National Labs will be included within DOE's response
- Not clear at this point how IPv6-only requirements will be applied to the US Labs...