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DOE, STATES TO DISCUSS ENERGY CRISIS PLAN

The chairman of the National Assn. of State Energy Officials is to meet next week with Edward Badolato, DOE's deputy assistant secretary for energy emergencies, to begin work on an agreement establishing state and federal responsibilities should fuel or electricity supplies be disrupted.

Announcement of the planned meeting between Badolato and NASEO Chairman Charles Guinn closely follows an address by the deputy secretary to state energy officers at the organization's annual meeting in September.

Although Badolato was unavailable for comment, state officials who attended the meeting said he made clear that federal authority in energy emergencies rests with his office and that he supports greater state participation in emergency planning and contingency tests.

Badolato's comments were well received by the group, which in recent years has expressed concern that the federal government was neglecting the role of states in emergency planning.