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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Office of Regulatory Analysis and Evaluation (ORAE) consists of two divisions as follows:

- (1) Regulatory Analysis Division – writes cost-benefit analyses (called Regulatory Evaluations or Regulatory Impact Analyses) of future safety and fuel economy rulemakings. This division consists of economists, engineers, math/stat, and program analysts.
- (2) Evaluation Division – roughly 5 years after a regulation has become effective, examines whether the rule achieved its goals. Did we reduce fatalities and injuries as expected, what were the actual countermeasures used, did some countermeasures work better than others, and are there recommendations to improve the standards? A contractor supplies cost tear-down estimates. Some surveys are done by contractors. All of the benefit analyses using NHTSA crash data files are done in-house by statisticians.

The Regulatory Analysis Division supports NHTSA’s mission and DOT Safety goals by conducting analyses to determine whether proposed rules are cost beneficial and estimate the number of lives we expect to save with the proposal. We use data collected in research and development and around the agency to support our estimates.

ORAE currently has a staff of 14 employees to accomplish its mission. We have 3 vacancies for a total of 17. The Office Director of ORAE is an economist. The Regulatory Analysis Division has 3 economists, 2 engineers, 1 math/stat, 2 program analysts. The Evaluation Division has 2 statisticians, 1 mathematician, 1 program analyst, and 1 financial analyst

Financial Information

Listed below are the financial resources provided to ORAE in FY-2010 and FY-2011 to support its activities. The use of these funds change from year to year between cost tear-down studies, surveys and data collection, regulatory review analyses, etc.

ORAE Program Funding – FY-2010

Project	Funding Level
FY 2010 – Enacted Level	\$929, 000.00
FY 2011 – President’s Budget Request	\$929, 000.00