

Jan 1973	North and South Vietnam and U.S. sign peace treaty "officially" ending Vietnam conflict and U.S. involvement	Joint AEC-NASA Space Nuclear Systems Office dissolved	Major cutbacks made in nuclear rocket propulsion & space reactor programs
Feb 1973		Dixy Lee Ray designated AEC chairman	
Mar 1973	Last GIs leave Vietnam		
April 1973		National Energy Office established in Executive Office of the President	SNAP 19 device successfully launched on PIONEER 11 to Jupiter, Saturn, and beyond
June 1973		President proposes to Congress a Department of Energy & Natural Resources & an independent Energy Research & Development Administration (ERDA)	
Summer 1973	Watergate hearings held in Washington		
Oct. 1973	Yom Kippur War. Arab OPEC countries embargo oil sales to U.S.	President establishes Energy Research and Development Advisory Council	
Nov 1973	President Nixon calls for Project Independence (re energy)		
Dec 1973	Gerald Ford sworn in as vice president following resignation of Spiro Agnew	Federal Energy Office established	SNAP 19 powers PIONEER 10 in its fly-by of Jupiter
May 1974		Federal Energy Administration Act establishes Federal Energy Administration incorporating Federal Energy Office	
Aug 1974	President Nixon resigns. Vice President Ford becomes President		
Oct. 1974		Ford signs Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 abolishing AEC and establishing ERDA and Nuclear Regulatory Commission	
Dec. 1974			SNAP 19 powers PIONEER 11 in its fly-by of Jupiter
Jan 1975		ERDA activated; Robert Seamans, Jr. named administrator. RTG programs become part of new Division of Nuclear Research and Applications	
April 1975	South Vietnam falls to North Vietnamese		
Aug 1975			SNAP 19 device successfully launched on VIKING 1 mission to Mars
Sept 1975			SNAP 19 device successfully launched on VIKING 2 mission to Mars