Energy efficiency isn't the sexiest topic in the world, but it may be among the most important (see this study, showing how much and how cheaply the US could cut GHG emissions by ramping up the efficiency of buildings and appliances). Good news: Today, Cathy Zoi was confirmed as Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, a post within the Dept of Energy. She was CEO of Gore's Alliance for Climate Protection and Chief of Staff in the White House Office on Environmental Policy in the Clinton-Gore administration. By all accounts I've read, she's a great pick for the job — here's one glowing account from someone who was the Assistant Secretary of EERE in the 90s. Let the Energy Star stickering begin.