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SUBJECT: ACTION: Technical Position on the Use of National
Consensus and Building Codes to Meet DOE Order 420.1B.
Facility Safety

ISSUE: The attached technical position on the Use of National Consensus and Building Codes to meet Department of Energy (DOE) Order 420.1B, Facility Safety, clarifies the use of national consensus and building codes consistent with the requirements of DOE O 420.1B.

BACKGROUND: The attached technical position was developed in response to line organization requests for clarification and it will be posted on the Office of Nuclear Safety and Environmental Policy web page for technical positions (<http://www.hss.energy.gov/NuclearSafety/nsps/interpretations.html>). Both the Chief of Nuclear Safety and the Chief, Defense Nuclear Safety, have concurred on this position for DOE nuclear facilities. The next revision of DOE O 420.1B will be clarified consistent with this position.

SENSITIVITIES: None

RECOMMENDATION: Concurrence from the Under Secretaries.

CONCUR: *W. Ostendorff*

NON-CONCUR: _____

DATE: 1/2/08

Attachment



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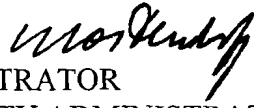


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The Chief of Defense Nuclear Safety has reviewed Technical Position, NSEP-TP-2007-1, and has concluded that the Technical Position clarifies and provides important guidance on the Department's expectations for using national consensus standards and building codes.

Furthermore, the guidance does not appear to conflict with other parts of DOE O 420.1B and does not create any new requirements. NNSA looks forward to working with DOE on the revision of DOE O 420.1B to enhance the clarity and effectiveness of our requirements.

Based on the results of my staff's review, I concur on the Technical Position.



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