



The Under Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR OPERATIONS/FIELD OFFICE MANAGERS

FROM: THOMAS P. GRUMBLY *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON IDENTIFICATION OF
REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS
UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE TO DEFENSE
NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (BOARD)
RECOMMENDATION 90-2

Reference: Under Secretary Memorandum, "Implementation of
Integrated Safety Management System at Remaining
Facilities of Interest to the Defense Nuclear Facilities
Safety Board," October 22, 1996.

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify my expectations regarding continuation of efforts described in the Department's Implementation Plan issued on November 9, 1994, in response to Board Recommendation 90-2, "Codes and Standards." The Department and the Board have agreed that the remaining activities not yet completed are subsumed under the Department's response to Board Recommendation 95-2, "Safety Management."¹ Defense nuclear facilities that are specified in the Department's 90-2 Implementation Plan should continue their efforts to identify and implement safety requirements and standards, consistent with the Department's Integrated Safety Management System (See DOE P 450.4).

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Except that the Board's authority regarding resumption of plutonium operations at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Sites (RFETS) remains unchanged. See the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993, section 3133 of Public Law 102-190. (December 5, 1991)

As described in the memorandum referenced above, my goal is to establish schedules for safety management system implementation for all remaining nuclear facilities of interest to the Board by the third quarter of fiscal year 1997.

The continuance of 90-2 periodic reporting is not necessary. Status of progress for this activity will be accomplished through incorporation into Recommendation 95-2 quarterly briefings to the Board. Programs and sites selected to present schedule status at particular quarterly briefings are expected to provide a detailed status of efforts related to the identification of standards and requirements for their designated facilities.

Your cooperation and continued efforts to identify and implement the necessary standards and requirements is critical to the Department's goal of doing work safely.

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