memorandum

DATE: May 6, 1997

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Worker Protection Programs and Hazards Management: John Connelly: 3-5722

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF REVISION 1 OF THE RADIATION PROTECTION QUALIFICATION STANDARD

TO: Archer L. Durham, HR-1

The Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health is the management sponsor for the Department-wide radiation protection functional area qualification standard, which is part of the Department's Defense Nuclear Facilities Technical Personnel Qualification Program. This program was a commitment under the Department's Implementation Plan developed in response to Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 93-3. The management sponsor is responsible for maintaining the qualification standard to assure that the technical content is accurate and adequate for Department-wide application.

Based upon comments on the original standard from the DNFSB and Department of Energy (DOE) program and operations offices, the standard was revised using a process similar to the original development effort. A subject matter expert panel consisting of personnel from various Headquarters program offices and the field, including some members of the Radiological Control Coordinating Committee, was convened to revise the standard. The revised standard was provided to the DNFSB staff, and their additional comments were included as appropriate in revision 1 (attached).

Please make arrangements to distribute the final radiation protection functional area qualification standard, revision 1, to the appropriate DOE Headquarters and field organizations.

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Attachment

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