

DOE O 470.2A

"Security and Emergency Management Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance Program"

Performance Based Contracts: Order Review Panel Decision On Team Report Recommendations

The Panel has reviewed the subject report and has disposed of the recommendations contained therein as follows.

We do not concur in the team report recommendations, which are to retain the Order and its CRD but enhance it by addressing the current roles and responsibilities within the Department using the proposed draft DOE Order 470.2B. You are to team with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, the Office of Security, and other offices you deem necessary to develop one Order that encompasses all oversight activities that involve assessing our contractors' performance. Exclude activities of the Office of the Inspector General. The new Order should address general oversight concepts that would apply to various oversight activities and specific oversight guidance for programs that require it. The Order should define both Federal and contractor responsibilities and establish appropriate guidelines for both parties' behavior.

This assignment is to establish generally applicable principles and concepts for the conduct of various DOE oversight activities. Under such "umbrella" principles each program or functional activity may retain its unique focus, organization, and processes. This can be accomplished by conforming distinct oversight orders to the general principles or establishing subset programs within a single order. The Panel expects the project to be accomplished by a multi-functional team including participants representing other DOE oversight activities as well as organizations such as the Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation/Chief Financial Officer and the Office of General Counsel. Given the provisions of the Independent Oversight Program, the Panel recommends your office serve as project lead.

Additionally, the Contractor Applicability paragraph of any resulting Order and of any revisions to DOE Order 470.2A should conform to the format required by the current version of the template for the DOE Order on the Directives System.