

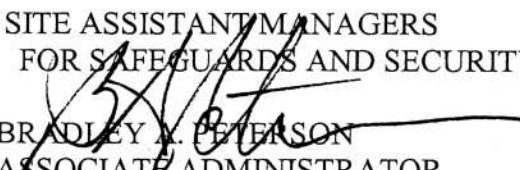


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MEMORANDUM FOR SITE ASSISTANT MANAGERS
FOR SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY

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SUBJECT: Recognition of HSPD-12 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety
Board Credentials

This memorandum addresses the recognition of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) HSPD-12 credentials throughout the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) security enterprise. The DNFSB is an independent federal agency that provides safety oversight for DOE. The DNFSB has implemented badging using HSPD-12-Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS) 201-1 compliant credentials that will be recognized as equivalent to the DOE Security Badge throughout the NNSA enterprise for access to NNSA facilities in keeping with local security procedures. A magnetic stripe has been included on the current DNFSB credential to permit encoding of the same data that is on the former DOE standard badge. Examples of the DNFSB HSPD-12 credential are attached. Sites are to reinforce or modify the DOE and NNSA visitation process to include recognition of HSPD-12 credentials from other government agencies as appropriate for unclassified and classified visits.

This guidance does not alter the responsibility of the cognizant site security authority to enforce all local security procedures for physical access control and personnel security access authorization. The revised DOE M 470.4-2A provides for the recognition and use of other government agency's HSPD-12 credentials to be accepted for access to all DOE and NNSA facilities and sites without further badging. However, this access will be at the site's discretion and based on need to know and recognized official purpose.

The Department will continue to sponsor DNFSB personnel for security clearances and adjudication. However, as a result of HSPD-12 implementation, the Department will no longer sponsor other government agencies, including DNFSB, for Personal Identity Verification.

DOE and NNSA are committed to meet the mandate and milestones for HSPD-12. It is imperative for each site to provide the necessary services to assure physical access using the HSPD-12 credential is effective and efficient.

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