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SUBJECT: Blanket Delegation of Approval Authority for Oak Ridge
Operations Contractor Price-Anderson Amendments Act
Documents

The Oak Ridge Operations Office (ORO) has requested the Office of Energy Research ((ER) to provide it with a blanket delegation of approval authority for contractor documents to meet 10 CFR 830.120, Quality Assurance Requirements, and 10 CFR 835, Occupational Radiation Protection. The Office of Environmental Management (EM) provided such authority on April 10, 1998, and the ORO is also requesting a blanket delegation from the Offices of Defense Programs and Nuclear Energy.

With a few exceptions, ER has already delegated approval authority for Quality Assurance Programs (QAPs) and subsequent revisions submitted under 10 CFR 830.120 to the Operations Offices in a memorandum dated July 28, 1994. The exceptions are if QAPs are from a new contractor, contain exemption requests, request additional funding, or contain programmatic schedule impacts. Authority to approve changes to existing QAPs and Radiation Protection Programs submitted under 10 CFR 830.120 and 835 for ER work was provided to ORO, by ER, on December 30, 1998.

ER is further willing to delegate approval authority to Operations Office Managers for approval of new contractors' Quality Assurance Programs under 10 CFR 830.120, and Radiation Protection Plans under 10 CFR 835, provided that:

the Review Team Leader(s) will continue to ensure that the appropriate ER staff participate on the review team for the program documents and significant revisions thereto,

program changes that involve increased funding or significant schedule changes must be forwarded to Headquarters for approval,

in accordance with 10 CFR 820, all requests for exemptions and/or program documents that contain requests for exemptions to 10 CFR 830.120 or 10 CFR 835 shall be forwarded to Headquarters for approval, and

copies of approved PAAA documents are forwarded to ER.

Please contact Mr. Matt Cole (301-903-8388) or Mr. Barry Parks (301-903-9649) if you have any questions.

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