

guidance on these requirements from other Federal agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

3. Reporting

Semi-Annual Program Reports

States awarded grants will be required to submit a semi-annual report, which is due six months following the inception of the grant. They will also be required to submit a final report, which is due June 1, 2009. Specific details regarding timeframes for submitting, and topics/subjects to be addressed, will be described in detail in the grant recipients' award letter.

Financial Reports

A SF 269 must be submitted on January 15, 2009, for the period beginning on the date of award of the contract and ending on December 31, 2008, and on July 31, 2009 for the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending on the close out of the grant program. Specific details regarding timeframes for submitting, and line item expenditures to be reported on, will be described in detail in the grant recipients' award letter.

Other Reports

To obtain grant funds, grantees will be required to submit SF 270 forms (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) on a quarterly basis.

All reports will be submitted to the attention of Karen Lynn-Dyson at EAC Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, or by e-mail at EAC@lcnnet.com. If you have any questions regarding report submission, please call (888) 203-6161.

The required standard forms 269 and 270 are located on the Internet at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html.

4. OMB Number

The project described in this announcement is approved under OMB (Office of Management and Budget) control number 3265-0012, which expires 09/30/2008.

VIII. Agency Contacts

For Further Information Contact: Karen Lynn-Dyson at EAC Operations Center, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22209, by e-mail at EAC@lcnnet.com, or by phone at (888) 203-6161.

IX. Other Information

Meetings

All States receiving awards must plan to participate in periodic

teleconferences or online meetings throughout the grant period.

Civil Rights

All grantees receiving awards under this grant program must meet the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; Hill-Burton Community Service nondiscrimination provisions; and Title II, Subtitle A, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Additional Information About the EAC

Addition information about the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and its purpose can be found at the following Internet address: <http://www.eac.gov>.

Gracia Hillman,

Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Letter From Secretary of Energy Accepting Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2008-1

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is making available the Secretary's letter to the Board accepting the Board's recommendation 2008-1 regarding fire protection at defense nuclear facilities.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, HS-1.1, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is making this letter available for public information and solicits comments from the public. Comments may be sent to the address above. The text of the document is below. It may also be viewed at: <http://www.hss.energy.gov/deprep/default.asp>.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 21, 2008.

Robert J. McMorland,

Office of the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

March 19, 2008

The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of the Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2008-1, Safety Classification of Fire Protection Systems, issued on January 29, 2008.

As identified in your letter, the Department has general design requirements for safety systems. We agree with the Board that safety systems for each project can be evaluated individually, but that it would be beneficial to establish guidance on translating requirements into specific fire protection design and operating features for more frequently used fire protection systems. As acknowledged, it may not always be necessary to meet criteria for redundancy, nuclear-grade quality assurance, or seismic qualification. As suggested in Recommendation 2008-1, our implementation will leave room for engineering judgment and innovative approaches in such cases. As discussed in this letter, we accept the Board's recommendation and will respond by developing an Implementation Plan that:

- Identifies additional design and operational criteria for newly classified (but not existing) safety-class and safety-significant fire protection systems where warranted;

- Revises DOE Standard-1066-99, *Fire Protection Design Criteria*, to provide additional guidance for design and operation of selected fire protection systems designated as safety-class or safety-significant by the relevant Documented Safety Analysis. This guidance will include the appropriate level of detail that considers the uniqueness of fire scenarios;

- Identifies Nuclear Regulatory Commission and commercial design codes and standards that could be applied to safety-class and safety-significant fire protection systems; and

- As necessary, modifies DOE Guide (G) 420.1-1, *Nonreactor Nuclear Safety Design Criteria and Explosive Safety Criteria Guide for use with DOE O 420. 1, Facility Safety*, and DOE G 420.1-3, *Implementation Guide for DOE Fire Protection and Emergency Services Programs for Use with DOE O 420. 1 B, Facility Safety*, to ensure compatibility with the new guidance for fire protection systems.

We will interact with the Board and Board staff as we develop our Implementation Plan. I have assigned Mr. Andrew C. Lawrence, Director, Office of Nuclear Safety and Environment, Office of Health, Safety and Security, to be the Department's responsible manager for developing the Implementation Plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-5680.

Sincerely,
Samuel W. Bodman

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