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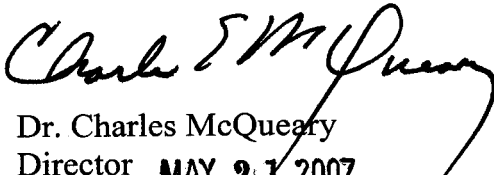
SUBJECT: Policy for Assessing Technical Risk of Entry into Initial Operational Test and Evaluation

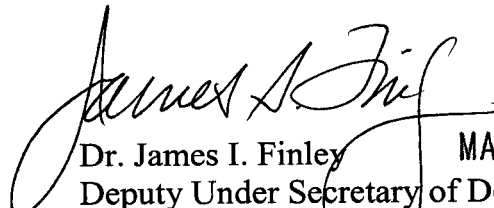
The Department's goal to evaluate systems as operationally effective and suitable through Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) requires rigorous test and evaluation discipline. This is especially true as we strive to integrate increasingly complex systems.

To that end, we recommend that the following policy be inserted in the current draft of DoDI 5000.2:

5.7.2. The DUSD(A&T) shall conduct an independent Assessment of Operational Test Readiness (AOTR) for all ACAT ID programs and special interest programs designated by the USD(AT&L). Each AOTR shall consider the risks associated with the system's ability to meet operational suitability and effectiveness goals. This assessment shall be based on capabilities demonstrated in DT&E, and OAs, and criteria described in the TEMP. The AOTR report shall be provided to the USD(AT&L), D,OT&E, and Component Acquisition Executive (CAE).

5.7.3. The CAE shall consider the results of the AOTR prior to making a determination of materiel system readiness for IOT&E.


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