

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****DOE Response to Recommendation 2007-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Safety-Related In Situ Nondestructive Assay of Radioactive Materials****AGENCY:** Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2007-1, concerning Safety-Related In Situ Nondestructive Assay of Radioactive Materials was published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2007 (72 FR 24279). In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Secretary transmitted the following response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on June 28, 2007.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before August 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Heffner, Nuclear Engineer, Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Office of Health, Safety and Security, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 10, 2007.

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**The Secretary of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

June 28, 2007

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 acknowledges receipt of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 2007-1, Safety-Related In Situ Nondestructive Assay of Radioactive Materials, issued on April 25, 2007.

The Department recognizes that continuous improvement in in situ nondestructive assay (NDA) is warranted to support nuclear safety in various activities carried out at Department defense nuclear facilities and, therefore, accepts Recommendation 2007-1. Using the following approach, the Department will develop an Implementation Plan consistent

with Integrated Safety Management System principles:

- Evaluate the condition of in situ NDA programs against evaluation criteria, which will be developed;
- Identify state of the practice, both commercial as well as within the Department, in training and qualification, design requirements for new facilities and equipment, standards for conducting in situ NDA, implementation of standards, and oversight;
- Identify any relevant ongoing research and development activities;
- Identify what is needed and any resulting gaps in personnel capabilities and training, equipment capabilities, policy and directives, and oversight;
- Establish requirements, programs, and guidance, as needed; and
- Develop a prioritized plan for implementing the above criteria and requirements.

I have assigned Mr. Richard Lagdon, Chief of Nuclear Safety, Office of the Under Secretary of Energy, as the Department's responsible manager for developing the Implementation Plan. He can be reached at (202) 586-9471.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Bodman

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's ENERGY STAR® Product Labeling; EPA ICR No. 2078.02, OMB Control No. 2060-0528**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0529 by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* Air and Radiation Docket

Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

*Hand Delivery:* 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 3334, Washington, DC 20004. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0529. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise

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