




The Under Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: C. H. ALBRIGHT, JR. 

SUBJECT: FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTRAL
TECHNICAL AUTHORITY FUNCTION WITHIN THE
UNDER SECRETARY OF ENERGY COMPLEX

REFERENCE: Revision 2 of U.S. Department of Energy Implementation Plan
for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB)
Recommendation 2004-1

This memorandum documents that the Office of the Under Secretary of Energy has fully implemented the Central Technical Authority (CTA) function. This letter satisfies commitment 3 of the referenced Implementation Plan for DNFSB Recommendation 2004-1. This memorandum describes how each of the seven core CTA responsibilities are implemented and how the eight elements of the Department's plans for implementing the CTA have been addressed.

Core Functions, Responsibilities and Authorities of the CTA: The functions, responsibilities, and authorities of the CTA are provided in DOE Manual M411.1-1C, *Safety Management Functions, Responsibilities, and Authorities Manual*. The attached matrix indicates how each of the seven CTA core responsibilities as established by the Secretary in a memorandum dated April 26, 2005 has been implemented.

Implementation for Cultural Institutionalization: The 2004-1 IP identifies eight aspects of the Department's plan to implement the CTA. Each of these aspects is addressed in the attached matrix.

CNS Performance and Accomplishments over the past quarter are included in the attachment, *Staff Activities for the Office of the Chief of Nuclear Safety Supporting the Under Secretary of Energy and the Under Secretary for Science, Report 2007- 2, April 1, 2007, to June 30, 2007*.

Summary: The CTA function for Energy has been fully implemented. The CTA/CNS organization is dynamic and its roles, responsibilities, and proactive initiatives will continue to evolve as the Department's organizational roles and responsibilities change. The Energy CTA/CNS will periodically conduct self-assessments and take action for continuous improvement as warranted.

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